



Girl Scouts NE Kansas & NW Missouri  
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## **THE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD**

### **Girl Scouts NE Kansas & NW Missouri**

Adult Recognition Nomination Form

The Outstanding Volunteer Award recognizes an adult member in a position other than a leader or in addition to leader whose service benefits the service unit in a way that is beyond the expectation for the position. The Outstanding Volunteer Award is a pin depicting a white chain and gold trefoil against a red background. It is worn on the right side of the uniform below the nametag, or on either side of the Years of Service pin.

### **CRITERIA**

Individuals who meet all the following criteria are eligible to be nominated for the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

- The candidate is currently a registered member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. (Membership can be verified by the Service Unit Registrar or Council Registrar.)
- The candidate has completed appropriate training, or demonstrated competence for the job, or both.
- The candidate has performed at a level that exceeds expectations of the position as outlined on the job description.
- The candidate has performed service that has direct or indirect positive impact on the girls.
- The candidate has helped to achieve the goals of the service unit.

### **NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

1. The nominating individual completes the entire two-sided nomination application and attaches two business letters of endorsement (printed or typed on white, 8 1/2" by 11" paper). Persons chosen to write endorsement letters should support the candidate receiving service unit recognition rather than referring to the name of a specific award.
2. Send nomination application with letters of endorsement attached to your Service Unit Recognition Chair or Service Unit Manager.
3. The nomination application and endorsement letters are reviewed by your Service Unit Recognition Chair/Committee or Service Unit Manager.
4. The nominating individual is asked to keep the nomination confidential. The Service Unit Recognition Chair or Service Unit Manager will provide notification of selection.
5. The Outstanding Volunteer Award is presented at a time and place determined by the service unit.

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If you have questions or concerns contact, Jacqueline Bostic at (816) 358-8755 ext. 3041 or JackieBostic@girlscoutsksmo.org

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**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Please print or type, give full name and professional title (if any).

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Name of Candidate

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Mailing Address:

City

State

Zip

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Area Code/Telephone (Day)

(Evening)

**Please check all that applies and answer the following questions:**

†††Registered Member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.    \_\_\_Lifetime member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Number of years in Girl Scouting \_\_\_\_\_ Last award received: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
(for information only, not a criterion for recognition)

**List the position this volunteer holds that has exceeded outstanding expectations.**

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**1. Give a detailed description of what the candidate has done to deliver service beyond the expectations of the position(s) held.**

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**2. Describe how the service positively impacts girls directly or indirectly.**

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**3. Describe how the service helped to achieve the goals of the service unit.**

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**Nominated By:**

Name

Address

Area Code/Telephone #

*STREET CITY STATE ZIP*

*DAY*

*EVENING*

**State why you support and endorse the candidate for this award.**

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**The following individuals are providing letters of endorsement. (2 required)**

Name

Address

Area Code/Telephone #

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## **WHO QUALIFIES?**

Potential candidates for the **Outstanding Volunteer Award** include:

- An organizer who has increased girl membership beyond the goals set for a particular school.
- A delegate who successfully uses the democratic process to help district and council come to an important decision.
- An volunteer who manages an event that successfully incorporates increased use of girl planning and involvement.
- A rappel master who willingly accompanies troops on campouts so girls have the opportunity to rappel and use the zipline.
- A consultant who travels from troop to troop throughout the service unit presenting a diversity program.

## **ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR NOMINATORS**

- Quality of accomplishments is the primary determining factor in awarding recognition.
- Impact on girls is the leading measure of quality. Quality is not judged by the number of years in Girl Scouting, the number of positions held or previous recognition received.
- The nomination application should contain all the information the Service Unit Selections Committee will need to make a decision.
- Provide detailed information of the candidate's accomplishments and scope of service. (i.e. numbers of girls and adults impacted, number of programs delivered)
- The nomination form should also factually document **how** the service was outstanding and exceeded expectations, **how** the service impacted girls directly (or indirectly through support of adult volunteers) and **how** the service contributed to the goals of the service unit.

**Provide specific examples of the impact of the candidate's accomplishments:**

### **Vague & Non-Specific**

*As troop organizer at Pines Bridge School, Louise substantially exceeded the membership goal for the year.*

*Alyssa was the Gold Award mentor for several girls in the service unit.*

### **More Specific**

*As troop organizer at Pines Bridge School, Louise increased girl membership by 23%, which was 10% over this year's goal.*

*Because of Alyssa's work as a mentor, three girls earned their Gold Award this year. This is the first time any girl from this service unit has accomplished this.*