



# Troop Service Award



The Troop Service Award celebrates dedicated volunteers who have contributed to one or more Girl Scout troops in a role other than Troop Leader, embodying the spirit of teamwork and commitment. This award, marked by interlocking gears symbolizing collaboration within the Troop Committee, acknowledges the efforts of volunteers who work together to empower Girl Scouts.

- Focus of Service: Troop Committee Roles
- Impact of Service: Demonstrate outstanding service supporting at least one Girl Scout Troop in a Troop Committee role other than Troop Leader. Eligible roles include Troop Money Manager, Troop Cookie Manager, Troop Fall Product Manager, Troop SHARE Chair, Cookout/Campout qualified adult, Driver/Chaperone and First Aider.
- Length of Service: 2 or more years or 2 years after receiving the Volunteer of Excellence
- Endorsements Required: 2
- Approval Required: Association Recognition Committee
- Presentation: Purchased by association or service unit. Presented at an association or service unit event or other appropriate local event.
- General Requirements: Must have a current Girl Scout membership. Must not owe any debt to council

## Questions for Endorsements

1. Please tell us what the nominee has done to deserve this award.
2. Please give some specific examples of how the nominee has empowered Girl Scouts and/or adult volunteers to take on a leadership role, expand their horizons or make a difference in the community.
3. Please indicate if the nominee had a specific impact on a troop, a group of troops, a service unit, two or more service units, an association, two or more associations, or on Girl Scouts and/or adults throughout our council. If possible, include your best guess of the number of Girl Scouts/families/adult volunteers that were impacted.
4. Tell us a personal story about something the nominee did that impressed you.
5. What is your best guess as to the length of time the nominee has spent in this service?

Make nominations here after October 1st:  
<https://form.jotform.com/GSCNCAVD/nominate>



## Troop Service Award FAQs

### **My Troop Leader is amazing. Can I nominate them for this award?**

To recognize Troop Leader service of 2 years they can be nominated for Outstanding Leader. To recognize Troop Leader service of 5 years or more (or 5 years of service after receiving the Outstanding Leader) they should be nominated for the Jan Verhage Spirit of Leadership Award. The Troop Service Award recognizes troop service other than Troop Leader service.

### **My Troop Leader is also the SHARE Chair, can I nominate them for the Troop Service Award?**

Troop Leaders can receive the Troop Service Award if they are filling another role on the Troop Committee such as the SHARE Chair or Cookout Campout Volunteer. If nominated for the Troop Service Award, Troop Leader service should not be mentioned in the endorsements. Endorsements should only mention the non-Troop Leader duties. When Troop Leaders fill multiple roles, try to spread their recognitions over time rather than nominating for multiple awards in one year.

### **Can I still nominate volunteers for the Volunteer of Excellence?**

No, our council is no longer using the Volunteer of Excellence Award.

### **My Service Unit team member has volunteered for two years but isn't continuing next year - can I nominate them for the Troop Service Award?**

If you have a Service Unit Team Member that doesn't yet qualify for the Appreciation Pin or Sustained Service Pin, we recommend talking with your Service Unit Manager about presenting them with a Commend Coin.

### **I want to nominate a volunteer that previously received the Volunteer of Excellence - can I nominate them for the Troop Service Award?**

As long as it has been at least two years since the volunteer received the Volunteer of Excellence, they can be nominated for the Troop Service Award.

### **There is a family member of a Girl Scout in our troop that helps with events but isn't registered - can they receive the Troop Service Award?**

The Troop Service Award can only be awarded to registered Girl Scout Volunteers holding background checked roles. If there is a family that is volunteering with your troop, working directly with youth, cookies, fall product, SHARE, or camping, they need to be registered members with a background check.

### **How do I get this award for my volunteer?**

Starting October 1, fill out the nomination form here: <https://form.jotform.com/GSCNCAVD/nominate>. When filling out the form, you will need the names and email addresses of two people that are willing to fill out the endorsement jotform that will be emailed to them when you submit the nomination. Once the endorsements are completed, they will be sent to the Volunteer Association Recognition Committee for review. An Association Recognition Committee Member will then contact the sponsor of the nomination to notify them of the final decision and their area's process for purchasing and presenting the award.

