



# The President's Award for service units

The President's Award recognizes the efforts demonstrated by an entire service unit to enhance Girl Scouting in its community during a membership year.



## Adult Recognitions



# Girl Scouts President's Award application

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Service unit \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Service unit position \_\_\_\_\_ Service unit support specialist \_\_\_\_\_

Service units must meet all of the following criteria to achieve the President's Award. If you wish to share additional information regarding your service unit's accomplishments, please use an additional sheet of paper and attach to this application. You may need information from your council membership staff to complete parts of this application. Copies of this application can be downloaded from [www.sdgirlscouts.org/recognitions-awards](http://www.sdgirlscouts.org/recognitions-awards)

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **Deadline:** A service unit must achieve goals by June 30 and submit an application by July 15 in order to receive recognition at the Volunteer Conference and Celebration in August. A service unit may still submit an application by Oct. 15 if it reaches its goals by the end of the membership year (Sept. 30).
- **Nomination:** Members of the service unit leadership team submit an application to their service unit support specialist documenting completion of criteria.
- **Approval:** Service unit support specialist reviews application and forwards approved applications to volunteer services. The volunteer services manager signs off on the approved application and includes the service unit in the slate of honorees at the Volunteer Conference and Celebration. Volunteer services will notify service units of application approval or denial.
- **Form of recognition:** Service units earning the President's Award by June 30 are honored at the Volunteer Conference and Celebration. Service units earning the President's Award by Sept. 30 are recognized by council leadership at a service unit meeting in the fall. A gift certificate is awarded to the service units achieving the President's Award, to use in any way they see fit.
- **Award presentation:** The Girl Scouts San Diego board chair presents the President's Award at the Volunteer Conference and Celebration.
- **Submit President's Award application** to your service unit support specialist by July 15 or mail to:

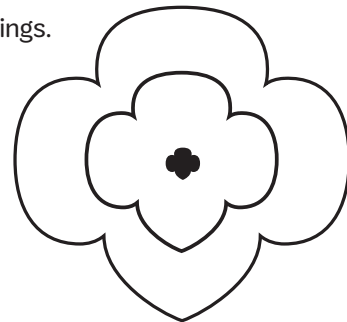
Girl Scouts San Diego  
1231 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103-5199  
or FAX to (619) 481-3507

*For further information, please contact the volunteer services team at  
(619) 610-0728 or [volunteer@sdgirlscouts.org](mailto:volunteer@sdgirlscouts.org).*

# President's Award criteria checklist

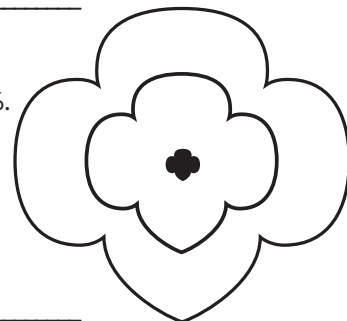
## ADMINISTRATIVE

- Service unit leadership positions were filled with registered adult Girl Scout members (manager(s), registrar, treasurer, activity consultant, cookie coordinator, fall manager, lead organizer), by June 30.
- Service unit leadership maintained communication with troop leaders by holding a schedule of meetings and ensured information was available to individuals who could not attend those meetings.
- Service unit sent a representative delegate to assembly meetings (one girl and/or one adult recommended).
- Service unit set and reached SHARE gift goal.  
Goal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 90% of troop financial reports were turned in to the service unit treasurer with submission to the council office by June 30.



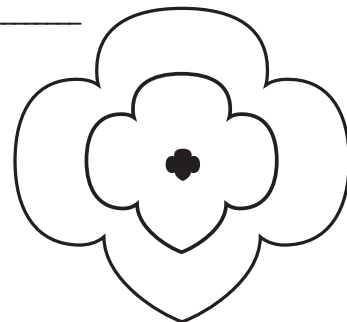
## MEMBERSHIP

- In collaboration with council, service unit established and implemented a membership/recruitment plan.
- Service unit held a fall recruitment event.  
Event: \_\_\_\_\_
- Service unit held a spring recruitment event.  
Event: \_\_\_\_\_
- Service unit achieved at least 75% troop retention OR met service unit girl retention goal.  
\_\_\_\_\_ % OR Goal: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Service unit reached the current year's girl membership goal OR increased girl membership by 1.5%.  
Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ %



## GIRL PROGRAMMING

- Service unit promoted community visibility by creating a public display and/or participating in a community event (i.e. parade, community fair, Girl Scout spirit day).  
Event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 90% of registered girls (as of Dec. 31) OR increased girl participation of 1.5% from last year in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.
- Service unit utilized girl planning for at least two events.  
Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Event: \_\_\_\_\_



## ADULT LEARNING

- All service unit leadership team members have received appropriate training for their position.
- All volunteers and troop leaders have received appropriate training.
- Service unit team encouraged training for volunteers by holding at least two mini trainings i.e. journeys, financials, re-registration, Short & Snappy).  
Training #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Training #2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Service unit held a recognitions/appreciation event or program for volunteers and leaders.
- Service unit leadership attended a minimum of three service unit enrichment opportunities (i.e. roundtables, Volunteer Conference & Celebration, Outdoor Skills Weekend, etc.).  
#1 \_\_\_\_\_  
#2 \_\_\_\_\_  
#3 \_\_\_\_\_

Service unit support specialist approval

Yes  No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Manager signature \_\_\_\_\_

# The Mission of Girl Scouting

The mission of Girl Scouting, as defined by Girl Scouts of the USA, is:

“Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.”

## The Girl Scout vision:

To be the world’s best leadership experience for girls.

The program goals are to encourage girls to become strong leaders by discovering, connecting and taking action:

- Girls **discover** when they understand themselves and their values, and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.
- Girls **connect** when they care about, inspire and team with others locally and globally.
- Girls **take action** when they do something to make the world a better place.

## Adult recognition in Girl Scouting

Expressing appreciation for one another is a good way to show respect, relate to each other’s strengths, and to build mutual commitment. Tangible reminders of rewarding relationships between people and Girl Scouting is an important component of adult recognition. Girl Scouts San Diego puts a high value on recognizing adults who make Girl Scouting possible.

Girl Scouts San Diego adheres to the criteria of the Girl Scouts of the USA adult recognition system and awards GSUSA recognition to outstanding leaders and volunteers.



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