

Dear Recognitions Committee,

Thank you for being part of the Recognitions Committee this year.

The Recognitions are divided by the following categories:

## **1. Council Recognition Committee and Board approved nominations**

- a. Clara Keithler Award
- b. Appreciation Pin
- c. Honor Pin
- d. Palmetto Pin
- e. Thanks Badge
- f. Thanks Badge II
- g. President's Award

If there are more than one nomination per category you will find them in a folder. Please note the Committee Worksheet which could be a helpful tool.

## **2. Best Practices SU Level**

- a. Community Action
- b. Educational Adventures
- c. Special Celebration
- d. Girl Scout Spirit(no nominations this year)

You will have four folders, since each category has multiple nominations. Note that we give 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and honorable mention in each category. Again you have a worksheet that should be helpful.

## **3. Best Practices Troop Level**

- a. Community Action
- b. Educational Adventures
- c. Special Celebration
- d. Girl Scout Spirit

You will have four folders, since each category has multiple nominations. Note that we give 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place certificates and honorable mention in each category. The worksheet should be helpful with logging your choices.

Below you will also find the requirements for each recognition. I highlighted the most important parts.

## Board Approved Awards:

### The Clara Keithler Pin

The Clara Keithler pin is presented to **one individual** for outstanding operational support. Clara Keithler was a volunteer for over 30 years with Girl Scouts of Carolina Low Country. She was a volunteer who was always there to lend a helping hand wherever needed.

#### Criteria

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The nominee has successfully completed a term of service and all requirements for the position.
- The nominee has worked for at least 3 years on a Service Unit Team or a Council Committee.

#### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Council's Adult Recognition Committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. **Two (2) letters of endorsement must accompany the nomination form.** The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

### The Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). This service, which has had measurable impact on at least **one geographic area of service**, helps the council reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals for that area.

#### Criteria

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and made an impact in one or more geographic areas within the council's jurisdiction.

#### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Council's Adult Recognition Committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. **Two (2) letters of endorsement must accompany the nomination form.** The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

### The Honor Pin

The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), which has had measurable impact on **two or more geographic areas of service**, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.

#### Criteria

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and made an impact on two or more geographic areas within the council's jurisdiction.

#### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Council's Adult Recognition Committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. **Three (3) letters of endorsement must accompany the nomination form.** The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

## Palmetto Pin

The Palmetto pin recognizes an individual who has delivered outstanding service **benefiting the entire council.**

### Criteria

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and furthered the entire council's goals.

### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Council's Adult Recognition Committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. **Three (3) letters of endorsement must accompany the nomination form.** The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

## The Thanks Badge

The Thanks Badge honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

### Criteria

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefitted the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Council's Adult Recognition Committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. **Four (4) letters of endorsement must accompany the nomination form.** The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

## The Thanks Badge II

The Thanks Badge II honors a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role which resulted in a measurable impact benefitting the entire Girl Scout Movement.

### Criteria

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The nominee has received the Thanks Badge.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefitted the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

## Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Council's Adult Recognition Committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. **Four (4) letters of endorsement must accompany the nomination form.** The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

## The President's Award

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service team, committee, or volunteer team whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals.

### Criteria

- All service-team members are registered Girl Scouts.
- All service-team members have met all requirements and expectations of the positions held.
- The service-delivery team has significantly contributed to meeting one or more of the council's mission-delivery goals.
- The service-delivery team reflects the diversity of the target audience or area it serves, in girl and adult membership, in all pathways offered.
- The service-delivery team actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the Council's Adult Recognition Committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it.