



Writing Strong Award Nominations -- Why it Matters

Adult Recognition Awards: It's about the girls! The focus of adult recognition awards is impact on girls and the Girl Scout movement. The Adult Recognition Committee, comprised of Volunteers and Council Staff, is serious about evaluating potential adult volunteers for the most prestigious awards a council may award to adult members. The committee relies on the completeness and accuracy of the nominations. Please let the time you take to fill out the nomination be thoughtful as you let us know the outstanding characteristics of the person you are nominating.

Nomination Guidelines: GSUSA has designed the guidelines and your nomination should support the guidelines by showing results oriented, measurable and real impact stories in support of your nominee. Considering some basic questions will help you write a stronger nomination.

This chart shows how a statement, *with a little thought*, can become a strong nomination statement for the Adult Recognition committee's review:

INITIAL STATEMENT:	THOUGHTFULLY CONSIDER:	STRONG NOMINATION STATEMENT:
"She has been a leader for a long time."	<i>How many years? Through which levels?</i>	"For 11 years, she has led a large troop from Daisies, persevering through the difficult middle school years, to their cur-
"She is a great leader."	<i>What kind of leadership qualities does she bring? What makes her stand out?</i>	"She continually brings leadership opportunities to the girls. She encourages a girl-led approach by allowing girls to vote on and implement their activities."
"She always goes above and beyond."	<i>Be specific! Tell a story about the great benefits those around her receive due to her efforts.</i>	"Her troop voted to start the aMuse Journey. Because she has never considered herself a "creative soul" when it came to artistic endeavors, she recruited troop parents, artists and actors as resources for her girls to draw from. As a result, the girls have had a great time meeting community experts and discovering parent talent in their own troop! They now have several opportunities for Take Action pro-
"He's a dad who helps whenever needed."	<i>Be specific! Tell a story about the support given to the girls, and how the girls benefitted.</i>	"This Good Guy came to the rescue during a troop camp-out when the troops discovered a nest of baby rattlesnakes in camp! He kept both the girls and leaders calm as he assisted in striking camp, all the while educating the girls about the snakes and safety. The girls felt safe, and in control, thanks to good guidance from a Good Guy!"

Nomination Submission and Deadline

Adult Recognition Nominations are encouraged from girls, parents, volunteers and staff. The deadline for adult recognition award nomination is February 4. Late submissions will be held for the next year.

Nominations can be sent electronically via the "nomination form" link at

www.girlscoutsoc.org/volunteer/volunteer-recognition

For questions or assistance with nominations, please contact recognition@GirlScoutsOC.org