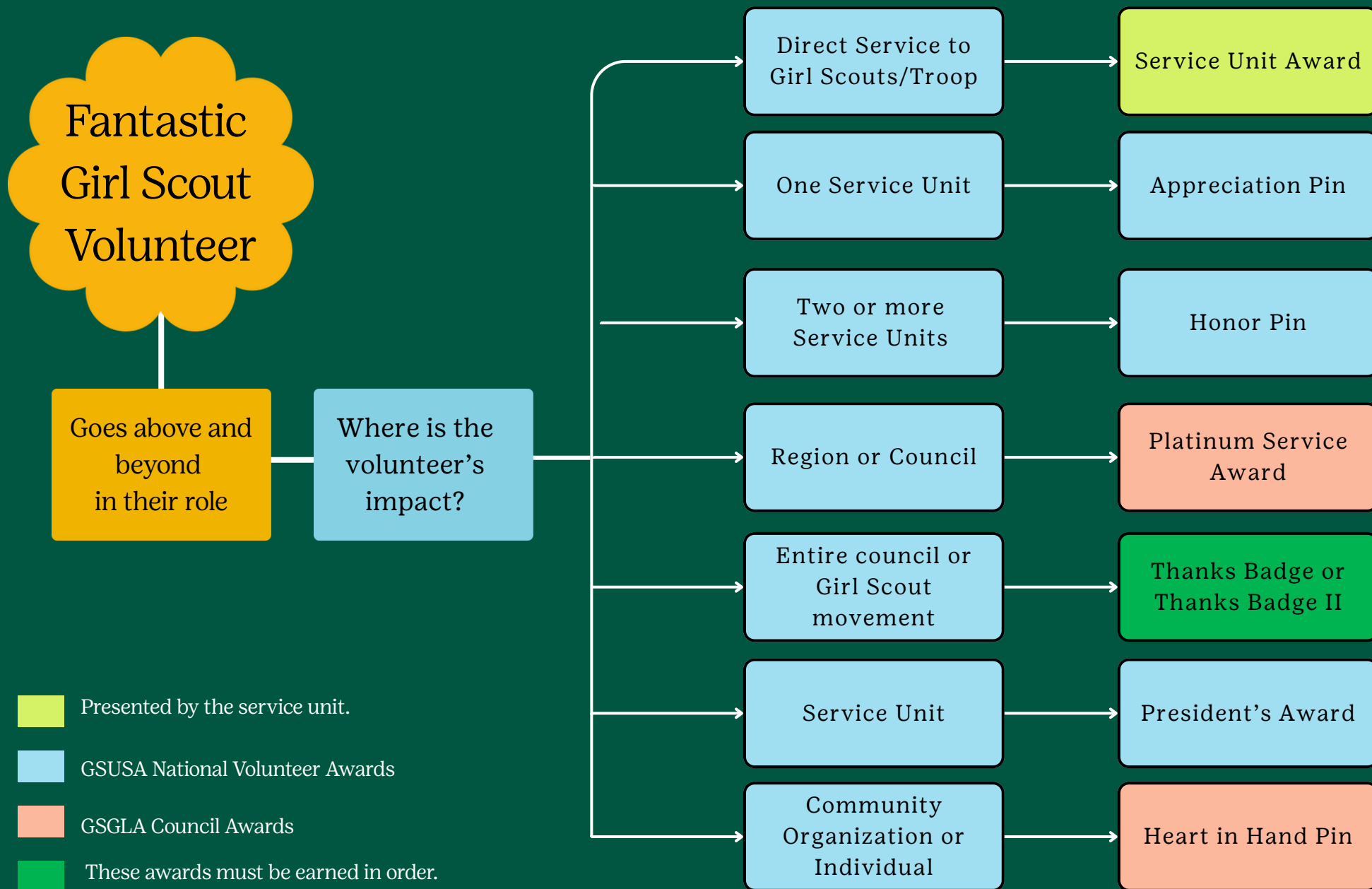


GSUSA National and Council Volunteer Awards



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The **Appreciation Pin** recognizes a registered Girl Scout volunteer's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had measurable impact on one service unit or geographic areas of service, helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer whose service is above and beyond the expectations for the position held.
- The nominee has made an impact on one geographic area within the council's jurisdiction.
- Requires one nomination and two letters of endorsement.



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

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer whose service is above and beyond the expectations for the position(s) held.
- The nominee has made an impact on two or more geographic areas within the council's jurisdiction.
- Requires one nomination and three letters of endorsement.



The **Thanks Badge** is the highest honor in Girl Scouts. It honors a registered Girl Scout volunteer 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 entire Girl Scout movement.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited 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.
- This award is based on taking a leadership role during the previous four years.
- Requires one nomination and four letters of endorsement.



The **Thanks Badge II** recognizes a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role significantly above and beyond the call of duty, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout movement.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer.
- The nominee has received the Thanks Badge.
- This award is based on taking a leadership role during the previous three years.
- Requires one nomination and four letters of endorsement.

The **President's Award** (certificate) recognizes the efforts of a service unit or service-delivery team whose exemplary service to enhance Girl Scouting in its community during a membership year. This achievement requires teamwork, dedication, and focus from every member of the service unit or service-delivery team, as well as the troop leaders.

- All team members are registered Girl Scout volunteers and have met all requirements and expectations of the positions held.
- The service unit has significantly contributed to one or more of the council's mission-delivery goals.
- The service unit recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.
- Requires meeting the criteria listed in the President's Award worksheet online.



GSGLA Council Level Recognition Awards



The **Platinum Service Award** (council level) recognizes a registered Girl Scout volunteer's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had measurable impact on a service unit, region, or council, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer whose service is above and beyond the expectations for the position(s) held.
- The nominee has made an impact on a service unit, a region, or council for at least three years since receiving the Appreciation Pin and either Honor Pin or Thanks Badge within the council's jurisdiction.
- Requires one nomination and three letters of endorsement.

The **Heart in Hand Pin** (council level) recognizes outstanding service that benefits the council or multiple service units. The award may be given to an adult Girl Scout member, non-member, or community organization that has given meaningful and outstanding service to Girl Scouts.



- Service must have been provided in a role other than a leader or co-leader and benefited the council or more than one service unit.
- Nominee is skilled in their expertise.
- Nominee has not received this award in the past three years.
- Requires submitting a letter describing the exemplary nature of the nominee's service.

Additional National Council Volunteer Awards

Numeral Guard & Years of Service Pin



The **Numeral Guard Pin** recognizes the number of combined years as a girl and adult member.

- Council presents the Numeral Guard Pin for 30 years or more.
- Pin is in 5 year increments up to 85 years.
- Requires submitting the nomination e-form. No endorsement is necessary.



The **Years of Service Pin** recognizes the number of years as an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

- Council presents the Years of Service Pin for 25 years or more.
- Pin is in 5 year increments up to 40 years. Increments of 10 years after 40 years and up to 60 years.
- Requires submitting the nomination e-form. No endorsement is necessary.

How to Write a Strong Nomination

We want to know how fabulous your award nominees are so we can recognize them! This page shows how a statement, with a little thought, can become a stronger nomination statement for the Adult Recognition Committee's review.

Make sure to include:

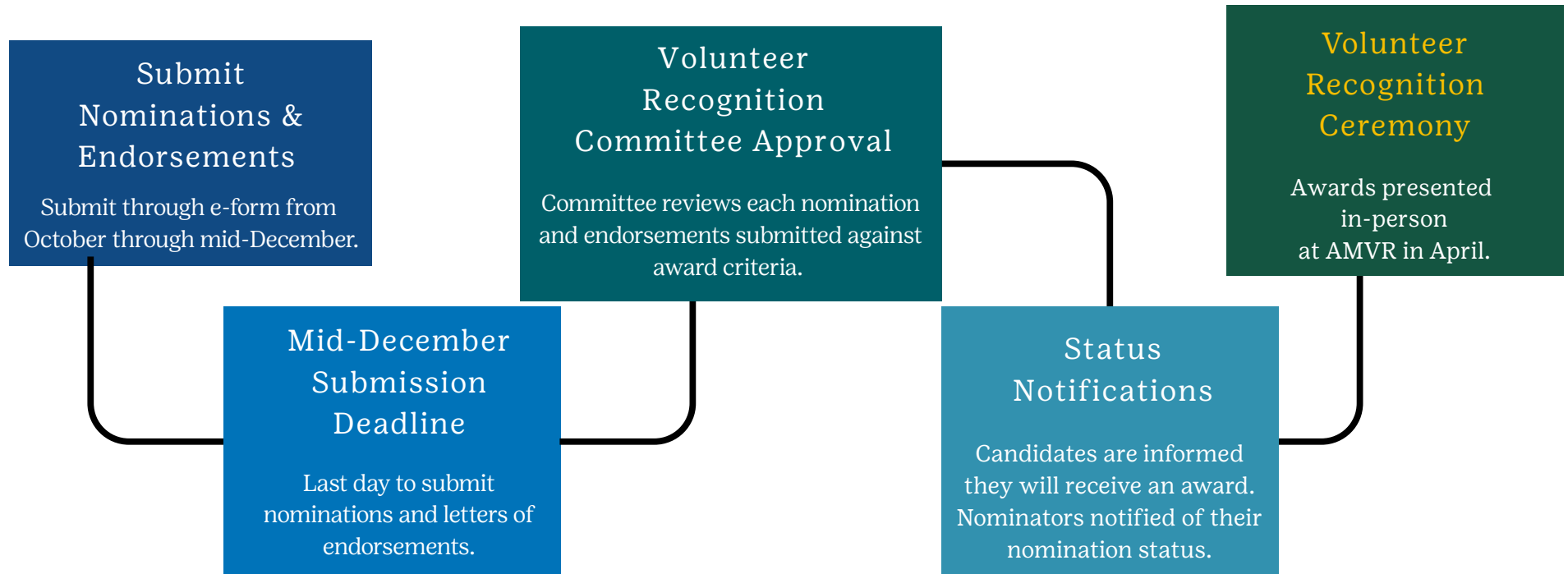
- How the nominee met the award criteria.
- Describe specific accomplishments.
- Show the impact the nominee has had in the service unit, region, and/or council.
- How the nominee has exceeded expectations for their role.
- Growth - describe nominee's new accomplishments and service since they received their last award.

Initial Statement:	Thoughtfully Consider:	Strong Nomination Statement:
"She is a great leader."	What kind of leadership qualities does she bring? What makes her stand out?	"She continually brings leadership opportunities to Girl Scouts. She encourages a girl-led approach by allowing Girl Scouts to vote on and implement their activities."
"She always goes above and beyond."	Be specific! Tell a story about the great benefits those around her receive due to her efforts.	Her troop voted to start the Outdoor Art Badges. Because she has never considered herself a "creative soul" when it came to artistic endeavors, she recruited parents and artists for her troop to draw from. As a result, the Girl Scouts have had a great time meeting community experts and discovering parent talent in their own troop. Now they have several opportunities for Take Action Projects.
She has been the best day camp administrator we have ever had.	Be specific! Tell a story about the support given to the troops, volunteers, and how the service unit benefited.	For the past ten years this fabulous volunteer has headed up a day camp that supports 200-300 Girl Scouts. At point the camp was in danger of being canceled until this volunteer stepped in and started an email and phone campaign to recruit the needed volunteers to hold the camp.

National & Council Awards Timeline

Key Dates:

- October - Nomination period opens.
- December - Nomination/Endorsement period closes.
- January - Adult Recognitions Committee Review.
- February - Candidates & Nominators notified.
- March - Awardee Invitations are sent.
- April - Recognition Ceremony



How and when can I submit a nomination?

Nomination forms must be submitted via the nomination e-form and received by the first Friday in December. Endorsements must be received by the second Friday in December.

For more information, review the Adult Recognitions Handbook at girlscoutsla.org or contact adultrecognitions@girlscoutsla.org.

