



## Thanks Badge/Thanks Badge II Award Nomination Packet

The individual nominating for an adult recognition is responsible for completing the recommendation form as well as, complete one letter of nomination and locating two people familiar with the individual's accomplishments to complete a letter of endorsement. Return all information to the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee no later than March 2.

The **Thanks Badge** is for volunteers actively giving outstanding service impacting the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee or the entire Girl Scout movement.

Criteria:

- The candidate must be an active, registered adult member.
- Have taken a leadership role at the council level in one or more of the following areas during the previous four years:
  - \* Increasing membership growth and retention
  - \* Increasing the percentage of adult generated funding in the total council income
  - \* Increasing innovative program opportunities councilwide
  - \* Developing broad participation in policy influencing through the democratic process
  - \* Ensuring that inclusive behavior is recognized, understood and practiced at all levels

Potential candidates for the **Thanks Badge** could be the following:

- Chair or participant on a Girl Scout of Middle Tennessee committee that develops and implements a plan that significantly increases the percentage of adult generated funding or other area of improvement.
- An adult who establishes a successful collaboration with a local organization or business which results in increased program opportunities for all girls in middle Tennessee.
- Someone who participates in a policy decision making role at a high level and attracts board participation in policy influencing through the democratic process.
- A trainer/learning specialist whose work on training teams and curriculum development that results in a significant increase in training effectiveness and participation throughout middle Tennessee.

The **Thanks Badge II** is for previous Thanks Badge recipients.

Criteria:

- The candidate must be an active, registered adult member.
- Have taken a leadership role in developing a model that has been replicated at the national level in one or more of the following areas during the previous three years:
  - \* Membership, program, fund development, pluralism, marketing and communications, strategic leadership or human resources.

Potential Candidates for the **Thanks Badge II** could be the following:

- A program consultant who develops math and science activities that meet council goals and serve girls throughout middle Tennessee and then serves as a director for a like event with nationwide participation.

Procedure:

- The recommendation form, letter of nomination and two letters of endorsement must be completed and signed by the person making the nomination or endorsement (provide each endorser a copy of the criteria for the appropriate award located on first page of each packet as well as the letter of endorsement form).
- Complete form legibly in black ink or type, if possible.
- Use the proper form and provide accurate information. Letters may be in narrative form that answers the questions, rather than on the lined form. Give specific information about what makes the nominee fit this description. The volunteer awards committee may not know the nominee. Write about the candidate's qualifications. Emphasize the most significant contribution she/he has made to Girl Scouts, but also include all the ways they have contributed. In the letter of endorsement, the writer should explain the different ways the nominee has served especially for long-serving volunteers.
- Nominator will submit: recommendation form, letter of nomination and two letters of endorsement in one packet to the volunteer awards committee no later than **March 2**.
- *Thanks Badge II only* - once approved by the volunteer awards committee the recommendation is then sent to the National Board Adult Recognitions Task Group in New York.

The volunteer awards committee will review all recommendations and submit them to the board of directors for approval. Nominee's will be notified by mail (we will not inform the awardee which award they will be receiving). The Thanks Badge and Thanks Badge II are awarded at the council level.

Mail completed packets by **March 2** to:

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee

Volunteer Awards Committee

4522 Granny White Pike

Nashville, TN 37204

Or e-mail content to [bkelly@gsmidtn.org](mailto:bkelly@gsmidtn.org)

## Recommendation Form

Check for which recognition you are nominating:

Thanks Badge     Thanks Badge II

Nominee name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Service unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's present position(s) in Girl Scouting: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee Nominee Adult Service and Previous Awards

Please complete the following to the best of your knowledge. If unknown, leave blank or write unknown.

Adult Position	Years Of Service	Training Received	Adult Position	Years of Service	Training Received
Leader/Co-Leader			Alternate Delegate		
Troop Committee Member			Trainer/Learning Spec.		
Troop Cookie Manager			Board Member		
Service Unit Manager			National Council Delegate		
Service Team Member position:			National Council Alternate Delegate		
Service Unit Product Sale Manager			Board Committee Member Committee:		
Special Event Director					
Day Camp Director					
Day Camp Staff					
Association Chair					
Delegate					

### Previous Awards

Award Received	Year Awarded	Award Received	Year Awarded
Outstanding Leader		Honor Pin	
Outstanding Volunteer		Thanks Badge	
Leadership Development Pin		Thanks Badge II	
Green Leaf (number )		Other:	
Gold Leaf (number )		Other:	
Numeral Guard ( )		Other:	
Appreciation Pin			

For adult service and previous awards refer to the service unit records for most current information.

# Letter of Nomination

Check for which recognition you are nominating:

Thanks Badge     Thanks Badge II

Nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am nominating this volunteer for a Girl Scout award because: \_\_\_\_\_

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This candidate has taken a leadership role at the council level in one or more of the required criteria in the following ways: \_\_\_\_\_

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List the impact and results of the nominee's actions: \_\_\_\_\_

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This additional information may be useful to the committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*This Nomination Form and Letters of Endorsement must be submitted to the volunteer awards committee by March 2.**

# Letter of Endorsement

Check for which recognition you are nominating:

Thanks Badge     Thanks Badge II

Submitted in support of: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I support the nomination of this volunteer for a Girl Scout award because: \_\_\_\_\_

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Endorser name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of endorser: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return the completed letter of endorsement to the individual nominating a volunteer.

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