



Thanks Badge II Criteria and Procedures

Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is an active adult member registered with Girl Scouts of the USA, either as a volunteer or employed staff member.
2. The candidate has received the Thanks Badge.
3. The quality of service performed is the same as that for the Thanks Badge – “It is truly outstanding, benefits 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.” Additionally, this award might acknowledge outstanding performance that surpasses the earlier achievement. It is a way of saying thanks again to an outstanding individual who has contributed greatly to Girl Scouting.

Nomination and Approval Procedures

1. An individual or group familiar with the service performed by the candidate completes the Thanks Badge II application and submits it to the Council recognition Committee.
2. Four individuals or groups who are familiar with the service performed by the candidate submit letters of endorsement to the Council Recognition Committee.
3. The Council Recognition Committee review the application and letters of endorsement and submits a written recommendation to approve or deny the nomination, with the rationale for this recommendation, to the council Board of Directors.
4. The council Board of Directors approves or rejects the nomination and so notifies the sponsoring individual or group.

If the nomination is approved, the Thanks Badge II will be presented at the Annual Council Meeting.

If the nomination is denied, the Council Recognition Committee will send an explanation to the individual or group who submitted the nomination. In many cases, a nomination is denied because of incomplete or insufficient information. Another nomination form with additional information can be submitted to the Council Recognition Committee for reconsideration.

Examples of Possible Candidates

The criteria are essentially the same as the Thanks Badge. The candidate may have provided distinguished service in a variety of ways.

1. The candidate has continued to service the council or the national organization at the same high level of performance for an extended period of time since receipt of the Thanks Badge.
2. The candidate's sphere of influence has increased since receipt of the Thanks Badge.
3. Building on years of service, the candidate has used her skills and talents to continue to widen the scope of her influence and to move into another field of endeavor.

Examples might include but are not limited to:

- A candidate in a policy position who has initiated and carried through on a plan impacting the strategic planning process of the council that has resulted in greater financial stability, corporate ability and vision.
- A candidate who, after many successful council wide training events, went on to plan and direct a state wide or regional training event.
- A candidate who, after directing council and regional wider opportunities for girls, directed a nation-wide wider opportunity
- A candidate who, after successfully influencing a local council with an area of expertise, branched out to become a consultant to other groups, e.g., management consultant for nonprofit agencies in a community.
- A candidate who, after years as an outstanding council trainer, worked for a term as a national volunteer trainer.
- A candidate, who has initiated a program delivery system within the council that has successfully influenced retention and quality program and that has been shared with other councils.

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