

What does volunteer appreciation look like?

Our volunteers work hard! It's important that they are recognized and feel appreciated. This bullseye represents a holistic view of volunteer appreciation. Start on the outside and work your way in, or move your current efforts up to the next level of appreciation! Please call Customer Care at 1-888-837-6410 or refer to our [Adult Recognitions](#) page of gswny.org for more detailed information.



Informal Awards

Giving Service Unit volunteers informal awards is a great launch pad to appreciation! These can be low-cost or cost-free and should be given often, throughout the year. A balance of informal and formal awards is the key to a robust appreciation plan. Ideas include:

- ◇ Thank you cards
- ◇ Small gifts
- ◇ Candies or flowers

Years of Service and Tenure

Pins given in recognition for a volunteer's commitment to Girl Scouts are a great way to keep members motivated and involved.

- ◇ Years of Service: Recognizes the years a person has been a registered Girl Scout volunteer; given in five year increments
- ◇ Tenure: Recognizes a person's combined years in Girl Scouts, both as a girl and adult; given in five year increments

Appreciation Event

Host a volunteer appreciation event that is special for adults. It can be as formal or as fun as you'd like!

- ◇ Virtual celebration
- ◇ Leader potluck
- ◇ Family picnic
- ◇ Awards ceremony

Individual Nominated

Awards

GSWNY and GSUSA have a number of formal awards that an individual can earn. Please note an award can be given at any level; they are not progressive. These awards are given to volunteers at the Service Unit level and/or the council level. Information and nomination forms for each award can be found on our [Adult Recognitions](#) page.

- ◇ Green Angel
- ◇ Volunteer of Excellence
- ◇ Appreciation Pin
- ◇ Honor Pin
- ◇ Thanks Badge
- ◇ Thanks Badge II

Group Awards

There are two group awards recognizing **Service Units** that meet the criteria of exceptional program delivery, strong volunteer support, and demonstrate achievement in reaching membership goals. Click each link to learn more:

- ◇ [Service Unit Strong Award](#)
- ◇ [President's Award](#)