

Tips for Better Adult Recognition Nomination Writing

The majority of Girl Scout volunteers are amazing! Below are some tips to help the recognitions committee understand exactly how amazing your nominee is! Every Girl Scout volunteer has chosen a position in which to provide service.

Begin by thinking about the requirements for that position. Think about what the individual has done and is doing that could possibly set the person apart from others doing the same thing.

Below are some sample nominees (from fake nominations!) and some tips for one possible way of writing it better. Of course, the committee of individuals who are writing the nomination will come up with excellent ideas of how to best present the candidate but do consider these samples as you write.

Sample Nomination	Tips for a better way of writing	Why is it better?
Tifani comes to every meeting, outing and overnight. She also helps with the cookie sales. She volunteers to transport and chaperone girls to where ever we need her to. During the cookie sales she will transport cookies to where they need to go. She started out as a helper where needed and has grown into someone invaluable.	Tifani has jumped right into the troop leadership volunteer role of troop xxxx. She works with the other troop leadership volunteers and girls to plan meetings. She has been known to transport everything from girls to cookies. Because of her service to troop xxxx we would like to nominate her for the Appreciation Pin. She has had a specific impact on our troop in the following areas: • By volunteering her time to help transport girls, more girls can go on trips and learn different things outside the troop meetings. • Accompanying girls overnight on trips, gives more girls the opportunity to learn the value of spending the night away from family and having fun with other girls. • Being available during cookie time to help transport cookies, girls or just assist with a booth has made this program more accessible for girls in the troop and helps help us achieve our financial goals.	While it is amazing that Tifani is so helpful, we need some detail about her activities. The Appreciation Pin requires service to one service delivery area which Tifani has by serving her troop. This write up talks about the specific things that Tifani does and why that is important to troop xxxx.

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I would like to nominate Susan Smith for this award. Susan has been an amazing troop leader and SU cookie manager for four years. We could not have Girl Scouts in West Elementary School if we did not have Susan!	I would like to nominate Susan Smith for the Honor Pin and let me tell you why! • Susan has been a troop leader and SU Service Unit Cookie Manager for four years. During that time our Service Unit has recognized her with a Volunteer of Excellence Award and the council has honored her with the Appreciation pin for her work with the cookies and we are pleased to talk about how her service continues to be amazing. • As a troop leader, Susan and her co leader welcomed 10 girls into her Daisy troop four years ago, and since then have retained those the same ten girls as juniors. They also added six more girls and several more volunteers during that time. When a troop was about to disband because a leader moved away, Susan jumped right in and began to lead that troop, too! She and the girls in her troop have gone camping, exceeded their goal for cookie sales, volunteer each year at several community events, planned the Service Unit World Thinking Day, and have even begun plans for a trip to Niagara Falls this summer! These girls are having some amazing experiences because of Susan's leadership. • Susan stepped into the role of SU Cookie Manager last year. In that role she carefully has ensured all leaders have proper training and has planned a fun Cookie Rally for the past two years. She found six new locations for booth sales, and even set up a training night for parents! She is innovative, engaging, and a perfect example of a dedicated volunteer.	For the Honor pin a nominee must provide service to two delivery areas. Susan is a troop leader and service unit cookie manager. The nomination explains what positions Susan holds and what she does above and beyond her position by welcoming new girls and taking a troop that disbanded. The nomination uses numbers when possible and detailed examples of the work completed by Susan that shows her service above the expectations of her position.

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I would like to nominate Ann for the Thanks Badge. Ann has been a leader for 45 years. She has been the service unit manager, the day camp director, the cookie manager, a council level facilitator and a leader of 5 troops. We can't thank Ann enough for all of her work for Girl Scouts.	We've been proud to present Ann with the Volunteer of Excellence, the Appreciation Pin and the Honor pin and now feel Ann is a deserving recipient of the Thanks Badge. What Ann does for Girl Scouts: • Ann works and has worked diligently with the service unit in multiple positions. In previous years she was the service unit manager and cookie manager but in recent years has stepped back to mentor new volunteers to manage the service unit and cookies. By her amazing leadership new volunteers are comfortable in their roles. • In her new role as mentor, she has taken the class to become a council facilitator and has since completed her apprenticeship period and trained over 50 volunteers on how to be a great leader. • Currently she is the "grandma" of 3 of her granddaughter's troops. Her being there has provided support for those new leaders in their new role. Ann keeps track of all the girls' lives she touched. Every summer they have a reunion. From that group of girls, she has raised at least 10 excellent troop leaders!	Getting the Thanks Badge is not contingent on longevity. The writing in the first nomination is a great list of all the things Ann has done but the past tense use of the verbs leads us to think that she is not currently active in all those roles. This award is given for current service. In your nomination, explain using figures where possible and specific examples of Ann's Thanks Badge activities. Talk about what Ann has done in the past, but it must describe how what she has done in past has put her in a perfect position for her current position. Ann is a Council Facilitator which fulfills that qualification for being council wide.

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This is Marty's 50th year as a Girl Scout and we just want to honor her many years of service. She has a wealth of knowledge. Her daughter has her granddaughters in her troop now and her daughter has taken leadership in the service unit as well. Girl Scouting is a family tradition. She has been the service unit manager for many years. She is helpful and kind, honest and fair and a sister to every Girl Scout. Last year she started a new day camp in our area.	Over the years in which we have been privileged to work directly with Marty she has been more than just an amazing Girl Scout volunteer. During the tenure we have thanked her in many amazing ways including the Appreciation, Honor and Thanks Badge. This year we would like to nominate Marty for the Thanks Badge II for her continued service to the Circle County area. Here are just a few of the awesome ways that Marty continues to contribute to Girl Scouting in our county and the council. In the many years she has been an adult Girl Scout, Marty has "raised" 100s of girls and now their daughters and granddaughters to be strong leaders. Since her daughters have grown and had their own kids she has more time to volunteer. While looking for ways to continue making a difference, Marty saw the need for a new day camp in the Circle County area. She met with the troops in the area to get their support for the idea, secured a location, and found leadership for all the roles necessary for a quality day camp. In a time of her life where Marty could enjoy her retirement, she chose instead to continue making a difference in the lives of girls and those around her.	The recipient of the Thanks Badge 2 is a person who has already received the Thanks Badge 1 and continues to give service above and beyond to the entire movement. Therefore, it is important to provide some narrative about what she has done since the Thanks Badge. Since the Thanks Badge requires service to the entire council, so does this pin. Marty has provided service to the entire council by starting a new day camp.