

Volunteer Recognitions



Description

Showing appreciation for volunteers is a powerful Girl Scout tradition. Formal adult awards are offered by GSUSA and Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails (GSNMT) to recognize exemplary service of adult Girl Scouts and community partners who go above and beyond the expectations of an individual's position. Volunteers, girl members, and their families may nominate someone for an award. New Mexico Trails' Awards should be used to honor specific service rather than longevity. For additional details and information about Volunteer Recognitions, take a look at our [Recognitions Booklet](#). Troops and individual Girl Scouts can also request numeral guards to represent a member's longevity.



Process

- Volunteer Recognitions:
 1. Once nomination forms are open, send it out to all of your troop members and caregivers. Nomination forms are found on the [GSNMT website](#).
 2. Fill out nomination [forms](#) for each volunteer that is being nominated
 3. Write or obtain [letters of endorsement](#) for each awardee, as needed.
- Community and Council Service Awards
 1. Determine if the community partner qualifies at the Community or Council level. This is simply a matter of the impact area.
 2. Complete the nomination [form](#) for the appropriate award. You do not need endorsement letters for these awards.
- Numeral Guards
 1. Numeral guards are given in 5 year increments. Upon receiving a numeral guard a youth member stops wearing the membership stars for those years represented by the numeral guard. Adults combine their youth and adult years to determine what numeral guard they should receive.
 2. Members receiving numeral guards for 25 or more can be presented at the annual Volunteer Recognition event. You will be asked to include a brief biography to be read at the event.
 3. You can request multiple numeral guards on a single [form](#).
- When to Apply: Nominations are open November through January for recognition for the past membership year.

Please reach out to your local membership staff person with any questions.

Processes are subject to change. Always refer to Volunteer Essentials, Safety Activity Checkpoints, and your local membership staff person for the most current information.