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## Girl Scouts of Western Washington THANKS BADGE - Southwest

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The **THANKS BADGE** recognizes an adult member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

**APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO:**

Adult Recognition Committee  
Girl Scouts of Western Washington  
PO Box 300304  
Seattle, WA 98103-9704

Application **must be postmarked by January 15** in order to be considered in that calendar year.

**Criteria:**

1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult volunteer or staff member.
2. The candidate has provided outstanding service that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement.
3. The service is so significantly beyond expectations that no other award is appropriate.

**Nomination:** An individual or group familiar with the service performed submits a nomination form that documents the service and its results to the council's Adult Recognition Committee.

Four (4) individuals or groups familiar with the service performed submit letters of endorsement to the council's Adult Recognition Committee.

**Approval:** The Adult Recognition Committee reviews the nomination form and the letters of endorsement and recommends approval or denial to the council Board of Directors. The council Board of Directors approves or denies the award and notifies the Adult Recognitions Committee and nominating group or individual.

The National Board of Directors accepts nominations from the National Adult Recognitions Task Group for Thanks Badges awarded at the national level.

*Potential candidates for the **THANKS BADGE** could be the following:*

- The director of a successful council or regional wider opportunity that results in increased extension and retention of older girls and significant positive publicity for the council.
- The chair of the council's fund development committee who develops and implements a plan that significantly increases the percentage of adult-generated funding for the council.
- An adult who establishes a successful collaboration with a local museum or science center that results in increased program opportunities for girls from all parts of the council.
- A person who plays a policy decision-making role at a consistently high level or attracts broad participation in policy influencing through the democratic process.
- The manager of the training operating unit whose expansion of council training teams and opportunities results in a significant increase in training effectiveness and participation council-wide.

**Form of Recognition:** The Thanks Badge is a gold-filled enamel disc that can be used as a pin or worn on a ribbon or chain. It is placed on the right side of the uniform above the personalized identification pin.

**Letter of Endorsement Thanks Badge - Southwest**

Person Being Nominated \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Girl Scouts (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Street* \_\_\_\_\_ *City* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip + 4* \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

***Please detail and record information upon which this nomination is based:***

1. Give facts, dates, positions held, etc., to support the nomination.
2. Provide objective information on how the service given resulted in benefits for the entire council or the entire Girl Scout organization.
3. Describe the service given and the groups benefited.
4. Describe the impact this service has had on the council and indicate how this service helped the council move toward its operating objectives and goals.
5. Give your opinion of what Girl Scouting means to the candidate.
6. How does the candidate try to apply the values of Girl Scouting in today's world?

***Be sure to research this information for accuracy since it may be used as part of the presentation of the award.***

***\*\*continue on separate sheet of paper if necessary\*\****