

2024-2025 Volunteer Recognition Recommendations to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors

Appreciation Pin

The Girl Scouts of the USA Appreciation Pin recognizes volunteers actively giving outstanding service in support of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in at least one geographic area or program delivery audience. The Appreciation Pin requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following 44 volunteers for the Appreciation Pin; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Kathryn Ahlin, Concord
Gretchen Amonte, Hingham
Richard (Matt) Amonte*, Hingham
Karen Anger, Wenham
Tina Arsenault, Hanson
Kristina Berardi, Billerica
Maura Boucher, Hingham
Danielle Buczynski*, Hingham
Jane Campino, Mansfield
Rebecca (Becky) Dedrick, Ashland
Robyn Dragonetti, West Bridgewater
Pam Dubuc, Hingham
Sarah Fonseca, Scituate
Kim Foster, Belmont
Meg Gargano, Wayland
Amanda Gauthier, Bridgewater
Jessica Gove, Bridgewater
Kerrie Grover, Wellesley
Nicole Haberman, Medway
Suzanne Hale, Swampscott
Michelle Hecht, Lakeville
Sarah Howe, Hingham

Elsie Huang, Cambridge
Julie Kaplan, Tewksbury
Andy Kucyn*, Billerica
Christine Leete, Canton
Laura Lynch, Hingham
Caroline MacKenzie, Highham
Kimberly Matthews, South Boston
Lisa Montague, Marlborough
Laura Nasuti, Melrose
Justina Oliver, Swampscott
Dana Olson, Gloucester
Johanna Parker, Brookline
Wendy Rathe, Rowley
Rachel Rich, Marshfield
Heather Sage-Hartery, Abington
Jennifer Seggev*, Hingham
Lindsay Tomlinson, Arlington
Jenni Torres, Quincy
Nimmi Trapasso, Wayland
Danielle Truxaw, Waltham
Christine Wilbur, Stoughton
Lesley Yamaki, Reading

Honor Pin

The Girl Scouts of the USA Honor Pin recognizes volunteers actively giving outstanding service in support of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in two or more geographic areas. The Honor Pin requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following six volunteers for the Honor Pin; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Juanita Cox*, Dorchester
Trevor Frankel, Newtonville
Janine Hart-Hueber, Arlington

Meika Hayles, Waltham
Rebecca (Becky) Myers, Ayer
Kimberly Reinert, North Andover

Sustained Service

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Sustained Service Awards recognize volunteers actively giving service to Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts for five or more consecutive years since receiving their last formal Girl Scouts of the USA volunteer recognition. The Sustained Service Award requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends four volunteers for the Five-Year Sustained Service Award for their continued performance at a level that exceeds the expectations of their position description since receiving their last GSUSA volunteer recognition; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Wendy Finnerty*, Hingham
Katie Goldsbury, Dedham
Erin Hathaway, Marlborough
Linda McNamee*, Burlington

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends two volunteers for the Ten-Year Sustained Service Award for their continued performance at a level that exceeds the expectations of their position description since receiving their last GSUSA volunteer recognition:

Sarah Bixler, Arlington
Andralynn Farro, Medford

Lifetime of Service Award

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Lifetime of Service Award recognizes adult volunteers who have championed the mission of Girl Scouting through long-term commitment and exemplary work at the troop, service unit or council level for fifteen or more years. The Lifetime of Service Award requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends six volunteers for the Lifetime of Service Award in recognition of their exceptional life-long commitment to the Girl Scout mission; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Priscilla Douglas, Beverly
Geri Duff*, Hingham
Kaye Glass, Spencer

Kate Hendrix, Brookline
Myrla Hersey*, Hingham
Diana Travascio, Swampscott

Red Rose Award

The Red Rose Award recognizes a volunteer who actively demonstrates exemplary commitment to the Girl Scout values of diversity, equity and inclusion in support of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in one or more geographic areas. The Red Rose Award invokes the memory of the Red Rose Troop, the first Girl Scout troop in Eastern Massachusetts and the third in the nation. This troop was started by Emma Hall and, in 1913, was the first nationally to welcome Black girls. This troop demonstrates that from the beginning of the Movement, Eastern Massachusetts has been deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion for all girls; this award recognizes the volunteers who carry that commitment forward. The Red Rose Award requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following 13 volunteers for the Red Rose Award for their outstanding commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in Girl Scouting and their community; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Lilleana Arteaga, Dorchester
Richard (Matt) Amonte*, Hingham
Lori Beverage*, Tewksbury
Pauline Bogle, Hingham
Danielle Buczynski*, Hingham
Juanita Cox*, Dorchester
Geri Duff*, Hingham

Wendy Finnerty*, Hingham
Myrla Hersey*, Hingham
Andy Kucyn*, Billerica
Linda McNamee*, Burlington
Jennifer Seggev*, Hingham
Marielle Thorne, Hingham

Thanks Badge

The Girl Scouts of the USA Thanks Badge recognizes volunteers whose ongoing commitment, leadership and service have an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or Girl Scout Movement. The Thanks Badge requires two nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following one volunteer for the Thanks Badge; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Lori Beverage*, Tewksbury

Thanks Badge II

The Girl Scouts of the USA Thanks Badge II is awarded to prior Thanks Badge recipients who have continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in measurable impact that benefits the entire council or the Girl Scout Movement. The Thanks Badge II requires three nominations and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Board of Directors.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee recommends the following one volunteer for the Thanks Badge II:

Susan Kohlman, Maynard

Helen Storrow Heritage Award

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Helen Storrow Heritage Award recognizes individuals or committees who have contributed to the growth and strength of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts through their philanthropy and efforts to preserve our vast Girl Scout history.

The Fund Development team recommends one individual for the Helen Storrow Heritage Award. This individual brings to life Helen Storrow's commitment to philanthropic support and love of Girl Scouting:

Judith Nitsch

President's Award

The President's Award recognizes a geographic area service unit, service-delivery team or committee whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals. The President's Award requires one nomination and three endorsements and the approval of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' Board of Directors.

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Volunteer Recognition Committee is pleased to recommend two groups for the President's Award:

Danvers Service Unit
GSEMA STEM Committee