

2025-2026 Volunteer Recognition Award Recipients

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 26 volunteers for the Appreciation Pin; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Cynthia Ames, Weymouth
Melanie Dean, Bridgewater
Lauren Dufner, Amesbury
Anisa El-Ghoussein, Dracut
Jennifer Finn, Hudson
Lina Gill, Hopkinton
Heather Gruber, Wayland
Iluka Harris, Stoughton
Sherri-Lynn Jackson*, Malden
Gail Jacobs, Quincy
Deborah Joffe*, Stoneham
Samantha Komorous, Newburyport
Joan Levasseur, Tyngsboro

Kelly Mannarino, Burlington
Tracy Marullo, Billerica
Christina May Robertson, Carver
Celeste McKinnon, Middleboro
Anne Muller, Andover
Angel Nelson, Salem
Lindsay Newell, Hingham
George Pacenka III, Rowley
Lisa Patacchiola, Quincy
Jessica Teague, Maynard
Liana Vera, Haverhill
Cheryl Waterman, Dighton
Melanie Woodworth, Hanson

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 9 volunteers for the Honor Pin:

Julie Cameron*, Medford
Gizella Crawford, Milton
Hannah Fingerle, Concord
Tammy Geyer, Bradford
Lu Huebner, Brookline

Candice Lancaster, Hull
Mary McNiff, Medfield
Libby Murphy, East Boston
Paula Smith, Plymouth

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:

Courtney Joyce, Quincy
Maureen White, Wayland
Zuania Wood, Wayland
Amy Zuccarello, Belmont

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:

Susan Navien, Haverhill
Cynthia Trillcott, Quincy

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 one volunteer for the Lifetime of Service Award in recognition of their exceptional life-long commitment to the Girl Scout mission:

Skip Carver, Winthrop

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 four 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:

Julie Cameron*, Medford
Sherri-Lynn Jackson*, Malden

Deborah Joffe*, Stoneham
Donna Yang*, Quincy

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 four volunteers for the Thanks Badge; an asterisk indicates they are also recommended for another council recognition this year, noted elsewhere:

Caitlyn LeBlanc, Revere
Diane McLoughlin, Norfolk

Debra Nearing, North Reading
Donna Yang*, Quincy

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 four 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:

Elizabeth Goeke, Winchester

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:

Lynn Saunders Cutter, Atkinson, NH

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 seven groups for the President's Award:

Braintree Service Unit
Concord/Carlisle Service Unit
Hudson Service Unit
Kingston Service Unit
Ocean Bay Service Unit
Quincy Service Unit
Winchester Service Unit