



PRESIDENT'S AWARD GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER IOWA

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a geographic area team (Service Unit) in moving its assigned area toward achievement of the Council's goals during the Girl Scout membership year October 1 – September 30. The criterion for this award is established by GSUSA. Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa establishes the procedures for the application and approval based on the GSUSA criteria and the Council's overall goals for the delivery of service to its membership. This is an EARNED recognition. It is the responsibility of the Service Unit to document progress in meeting the criteria and submitting the application with complete information to the Adult Recognition Committee by the deadline. Applications should be checked for accuracy, completeness and clarity. It is recommended that each Service Unit attempting to earn the President's Award appoint one person to document the progress toward meeting the criteria. Large Service Units may find it helpful to appoint a President's Award committee to assist in gathering documentation.

The completed application and documentation should be reviewed and signed by the Service Unit Manager and submitted by the deadline, February 15 of current year to: Adult Education, 10715 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, IA 50322. The Recognition Task Group recommends approval or denial of the award and notifies the Service Unit Manager of the decision.

The board of directors approves this award before it is awarded to any Service Unit. The Service Unit's name will be placed on a plaque and they will receive a certificate of recognition at the annual meeting. Every Service Unit, regardless of size, has the ability to earn this award.

Criteria:

1. All adult members of the Service Unit are registered adult Girl Scouts.
2. Adult members of the Service Unit have completed appropriate training for the positions they hold.
3. Delivery of Girl Scout program to the membership is effective, resulting in the retention of 75% of the troop/group and 75% retention of troop/group leaders (01).
4. Overall girl membership for the Service Unit has reached or surpassed the membership goal agreed upon by the Service Unit and the Membership Specialist.
5. The composition of the adult Girl Scout members reflects the diversity of the community (religious, ethnic, social economic etc.).
6. Team members cultivate contacts in the community through scheduled talks to civic groups, sponsorship agreements, media coverage, and community profile updates.
7. Council required reports are submitted on time.
8. The Service Team maintains on going communications with each troop/group leader utilizing methods that serve the needs of each leader.
9. The team maintains on going communications with girls registered individually within the Service Unit.
10. The Service Team encourages adult participation in fund development and has increased annual giving support to the council.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD WORKSHEET/APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Service Unit Name: _____

Print or type information for each criteria. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Criteria 1: All Service Unit Team members, Troop Leaders, Assistant Troop Leaders and Product Sales Managers are registered adult Girl Scouts. Verification by Service Unit Registrar or Council Registrar for current year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Criteria 2: List names of all Service Team members, year they were first appointed, and approximate date they attended position training. List names of all troop leaders, year first appointed to troop leadership, and approximate date they attended age level training for troop.

Name	Year Appointed	Orientation Year	Current Age Level	Leadership Essentials

Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Criteria 3: Delivery of Girl Scout program to the membership is effective in the continuation of 75% of the troops/groups and retention of troop group leaders (01)

If not met, please explain why. _____

Number of troops as of September 30, 2008 (previous year) _____

Number of troops continuing _____

Percent of troops continuing _____

Number of troop leaders (01) as of September 30, 2009 _____

Number of these leaders (01) re-registering in current year _____

Percent of leaders retained _____

Criteria 4: Overall girl membership for the Service Unit has reached or surpassed the membership goal agreed upon by the Service Unit and the Membership Department of the council.

Girl membership as of September 30 (previous year) _____

Girl goal for increasing membership (#we will increase) _____

Girl membership on September 30 (current year) _____



Girl membership at the end of the year _____

Criteria 5: The composition of Girl Scout membership reflects the diversity of the community and the girls being served. (Religious, ethnic, social economic, etc.)

What diverse groups are represented in the communities?

What groups are NOT represented within the adult membership?

What diverse groups(s) did you plan to target for the adult membership goal?

In what ways did you succeed?

Criteria 6: Service Team/Service Unit members cultivate contacts in the community, through scheduled talks to civic groups, sponsorship agreements, and media coverage.

1. Number of troops with written Sponsorship Agreement? _____
2. List of Community Service projects done by troops or as a Service Unit. Highlight any unusual or highly successful ones.
3. Did you receive any coverage of Girl Scout activities or events by the media? Highlight any unusual or highly successful ones.
4. List any joint projects or presentations with other community or civic groups. Give example of groups and/or projects.

Criteria 7: Council required reports are submitted on time.

	Dates Submitted
Service Unit Final report - Fall Sale	
Service Unit Final report – Cookie Sale	
Troop Treasurer reports submitted by June 30 (75%)	
Troop registrations for re-registering Troops (75% of Troops due September 30)	
Troop registrations for new Troops (within 3 weeks of troop’s first meeting)	

Criteria 8: The Service Team maintains on-going communications with each troop/group leader utilizing methods that serve the needs of each leader.

Are there regular scheduled Service Unit meetings? Yes No
 Name of person(s) responsible for contacting leaders who were not in attendance.

If there are no regularly scheduled Service Unit meetings, list the method(s) used to communicate with troop leaders.



Girl Scouts.

Criteria 9: The Service Unit team maintains on-going communications with girls registered individually within the Service Unit.

Number of girls registered individually _____

Name(s) of adults communicating with girls _____

Criteria 10: The Service Team encourages adult participation in Fund Development and has increased annual giving support to the council.

Dollar amount of donations given previous year. _____

Dollar amount of donations given current year. _____

Check to make sure all information is completed.
Submit by mail or in person by February 15.

Submitted by Service Unit Manager:

Signature _____ Date _____

Area Manager:

Signature _____ Date _____