



# Outstanding New Leader Award Criteria and Procedures

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This award will be presented to outstanding leaders, assistant leaders, and co-leaders who have completed one or two years and meet the criteria outlined below. It may be presented in either the fall or spring.

## Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult in a troop/group leader or advisor) or assistant leader capacity.
2. Has volunteer application and agreement on file, has completed Orientation and Age Level training.
3. Registered troop on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>. (The exception is for a troop organized after September)
4. Meets regularly with troop and as needed with parents.
5. Troop participates in Girl Scout cookie sale (except Daisy leaders).
6. Troop participates in service unit events.
7. Troop participates in council events.
8. Attends or sends a representative to service unit meetings when scheduled. (If representation is absolutely impossible, the leader is expected to call the service unit manager for information.)
9. Secures First Aider for troop (either leader or another adult within the troop) as soon as possible.
10. Follows council policies and standards, and *Safety-Wise* standards. Follows basic program as outlined in handbooks (Investiture, Court of Awards, Flag Ceremonies, Rededication Ceremonies, Scout's Own, etc.)
11. Keeps co-leader, troop committee and parents informed and involved in activities and events. Shares other information she/he may receive from the service unit manager or council publications.
12. Has a genuine interest in girls. Allows the girls to learn, explore, grow, and have fun. Demonstrates evidence of girl's direct involvement in program planning.

## Nomination and Approval Procedures

The service unit manager submits the name of the leader to be considered to the Council Recognition Committee. In the event a service unit is with an administrative team, individuals or groups should submit leader(s) name to the field executive for that area.

If the nomination is approved, the Outstanding New Leader Award will be presented in either the fall or spring.