Submit to *Service Unit Recognitions Team*

*8 weeks prior to desired presentation and*

*To Troop Experience Manager*

*4 weeks prior to desired presentation*

**Outstanding Troop & Troop of Excellence Awards**

Thank you for helping our council build strong troops by giving girls a dynamic Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Keep track of your achievements throughout the year and submit this form along with your year-end finance report and year-end troop report by May 15.

* **Outstanding Troop Award** – Troop Leaders receive a printed Outstanding Troop Certificate, and troop may purchase the Outstanding Troop Patches in the Girl Scout Council Shop. The Troop will be listed in the Council’s P2P Express Newsletter.
* **Troop of Excellence** – Troop Leaders receive a printed Troop of Excellence Certificate and troop may purchase the Troop of Excellence Patches in the Girl Scout Council Shop. Troop will be listed in the Council’s P2P Express Newsletter and receive special recognition at the Council’s Annual Meeting.

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| **Troop Award Application** |
| Troop #: |       | Service Unit #: |       | Grade Level: [ ]  Daisy [ ]  Brownie [ ]  Junior [ ]  Cadette [ ]  Senior [ ]  Ambassador |
| Troop Leader: |       |  |
| Street Address: |       | Phone: |       |
| City, State, Zip: |       | E-mail: |       |

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS – Submit this form and the corresponding Troop Award checklist along with a copy of your year-end reports by May 15th to your Membership Services Manager or Volunteer Experience Manager. After you receive an approval email, you can purchase the patches at the council shop. A printed troop certificate will be sent to the troop Leader.

* Troop Award Application
* Appropriate Award Checklist(s)
* Copy of Year-End Financial Report
* Copy of Year-End Troop Progress Report

Troop Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE ONLY: Verification & Approval:** Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Approval Email Certificate Sent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ VE Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Outstanding Troop Award Checklist**

*To earn this recognition, each of the following items must be completed within the current troop year. Initial when complete and fill-in any requested information.*

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| **Initials** | **Girl Scout Year:** | **20 \_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_** |
|  | * Registered at least six girls
	+ Total number of girls \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of adults \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 |
|  | * Registered at least one new girl who was not in Girl Scouts last year (optional for Senior and Ambassador troops)
 |
|  | * **New Leaders** – Completed troop leadership training (Volunteer Essentials)
* **Experienced Leaders** – Completed at least one additional Girl Scout adult learning opportunity.
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|  | * Troop knows, recites and actively lives by the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
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|  | * Increased and challenged girls’ financial literacy skills by participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program (*Goal Setting People Skills Decision Making Business Ethics Money Management)*
 |
|  | * Leader or designee attended at least three Service Unit meetings to ensure Troop and Leaders received key Council and Service Unit information
 |
|  | * Girls participated in at least one of the following Girl Scout traditions. Check completed activities.
	+ Flag Ceremony
	+ Investiture Ceremony
	+ Bridging Ceremony
	+ Scouts Own Ceremony
 |
|  | * Troop attended at least one Service Unit or Council sponsored event in order to connect with Girl Scouts sisters outside of their troop
	+ List Girl Scout event(s) attended:
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|  | * Troop participated in at least two service projects selected by the girls
 |
|  | * Troop incorporated *The* *Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting* and/or Journeys into troop program
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|  | * Leader or designee presented the *Friends of Girl Scouts* giving opportunity to help support Council programs and services to all families in troop
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|  | * Girls wore a Girl Scout uniform or Girl Scout shirt to a parade or community event to increase Girl Scout visibility.
 |
|  | * Registered as an early bird troop by May 15 for the upcoming Girl Scout year
 |
|  | * Participated in Do a Good Turn Weekend in April
 |
|  | * Visited a Council-owned camp property
	+ List camp(s) visited by troop:
 |
|  | * Submitted Troop Reports on time
	+ Financial Report by May 15
	+ Year-End Troop Progress Report by May 15
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**Troop of Excellence Award Checklist**

*To earn the Troop of Excellence Award, a troop must earn the Outstanding Troop award and then complete the* ***REQUIRED*** *activity* ***plus at least 5 items additional*** *items listed below. Submit both checklists.*

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| **Initials** | **Girl Scout Year:** | **20 \_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_** |
|  | * **REQUIRED** – Educated troop parents about the *Friends of Girl Scouts* giving opportunity and collected troop donations with an average of at least $35/girl
 |
|  | * Registered at least five new girls who were not in Girl Scouts last year
 |
|  | * Participated in the Fall Product Sale
 |
|  | * Participated in the Good Turn for Good Will service project in October
 |
|  | * Increased your troops PER GIRL AVERAGE in the Girl Scout Cookie Program
	+ What it your troop’s PGA? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 |
|  | * Attended (or planned) an event for Juliette Gordon Low’s birthday, World Thinking Day, or Girl Scout Week
 |
|  | * Increased troop visibility by submitting at least three photos of troop activities to the P2P Express at**info@girlscoutsp2p.org** including troop number and photo details.
 |
|  | * Completed a Girl Scout Journey this year.
	+ What Journey did your troop complete? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 |
|  | * Earned at least three Girl Scout Skill Building Badges
	+ List badges earned: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 |
|  | * Stayed overnight at a Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont camp property
	+ Which camp(s) did your troop stay overnight at?
 |
|  | * Visited all three GSCP2P camp properties within the membership year
	+ Camp Pisgah, Brevard
	+ Camp Ginger Cascades, Lenoir
	+ Keyauwee Program Center, Sofia
 |
|  | * Visited the Savannah, GA, birthplace of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, during this membership year
 |
|  | * Visited a Girl Scout World Center during the membership year
	+ Pax Lodge, England
	+ Our Chalet, Switzerland
	+ Our Cabaña, Mexico
	+ Sangam, India
	+ Kusafari, Africa
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