

# COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVENESS NOMINATION APPLICATION

The Commitment to Inclusiveness Award is a River Valleys award that recognizes an adult volunteer or group of volunteers who have carried out a unique and innovative project, or delivered outstanding service and leadership in the areas of inclusiveness. The nominee(s) may be an individual or group of adult volunteers who are registered Girl Scouts. A nomination application and two letters of endorsement are required. Nominations accepted from November 1, 2009 to January 15, 2010. Recognition is a certificate.

***Inclusive** refers to age, socio-economic level, sexual orientation, ability, race, religion, culture, and gender. Being inclusive means that you seek out others not already included, create an awareness within others so that they are more accepting and understanding of differences, and create an environment that is welcoming and respectful.*

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## **Award Requirements:**

- Be a registered Girl Scout adult or group of adult volunteers.
- Service provided in the 2008-09 membership year (October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009).
- The nominee(s) provided leadership and outstanding service in work related to inclusiveness for a troop, special interest group or one or more geographic areas.

## **Examples:**

- An organizer/recruiter who grew membership in "under-represented" communities.
- An event coordinator who led a group of girls and adults in planning and implementing an event that introduces girls to other cultures.
- A service unit manager or team that has taken action to ensure service unit meetings and events are inclusive and respectful of all.
- A troop leader(s) who guides girls to take action to increase their cultural competency and then educate others.
- The nominee(s) has/have served as a role model of inclusive and anti-bias behavior.
- The nominee(s) project or service and leadership has the potential to increase and retain inclusive participation in Girl Scouting.
- If an individual is being nominated for service given while in a specific role such as troop leader, organizer/recruiter, service unit manager, etc., they must have completed the required position training.
- This award can be earned by an individual or group in subsequent years but it must be for an entirely new project.

## **Nomination Instructions:**

- Coordinate the required number of endorsement letters with someone(s) familiar with candidate's volunteer service.
- Letter writers do not need to provide the exact same details and information as other endorsers. Each endorser may focus on a different area of service.
- Provide each letter writer with the questions to address in endorsement letter listed on page 2.
- Complete nomination application. Person completing the nomination application may provide one of the required letters of endorsement.
- Note: If candidates are approved for an award, they will receive the endorsement letters.
- Submit completed nomination application with the required number of endorsement letters between November 1, 2009 and January 15, 2010. Instructions are on page 2 of this form.
- Incomplete endorsement letters and/or application may result in disqualification of the nomination.
- Please do not use staples if submitting hard copies.
- Award facts and tips are available at [www.girlscoutsrv.org](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org).

If nomination is approved, the award recipient(s) and nominator will be invited to River Valleys' annual volunteer recognition event in April for presentation of the award.

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If nomination is for service by a group, please attach the below information for each person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Position: (if relevant to nomination): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Center:     Brooklyn Center     Northfield     Redwood Falls     Rochester     St. Paul

## Nominator Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions to address in Endorsement Letters:

Endorsement letters should address the following questions and provide relevant facts and specific actions and behaviors that demonstrate that the requirements were met and service went above and beyond expectations. Please do not staple pages.

1. Please describe in detail what the candidate(s) did that provided leadership and outstanding service in work related to inclusiveness (refer to award requirements).
2. Describe how the candidate(s) has/have served as a role model of inclusive and anti-bias behavior.
3. How can the candidate's project/program increase and retain inclusive participation in Girl Scouting?

## Endorsement letter writers:

It is the responsibility of the nominator to make sure the required letter(s) of endorsement are submitted with this nomination application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Commitment to Inclusiveness Award requires two letters)

## SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

**By Fax:** Adult Awards at 763-535-7524

### By E-mail:

- One candidate nomination per e-mail
- Attach nomination application and required endorsement letters to e-mail (must be submitted together)
- Include candidate name and award in subject line of e-mail
- Send nomination to awards@girlscoutsrv.org

### By Mail:

River Valleys  
Adult Awards and Recognitions  
5601 Brooklyn Blvd.  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

### Questions?

800-845-0787 or awards@girlscoutsrv.org