

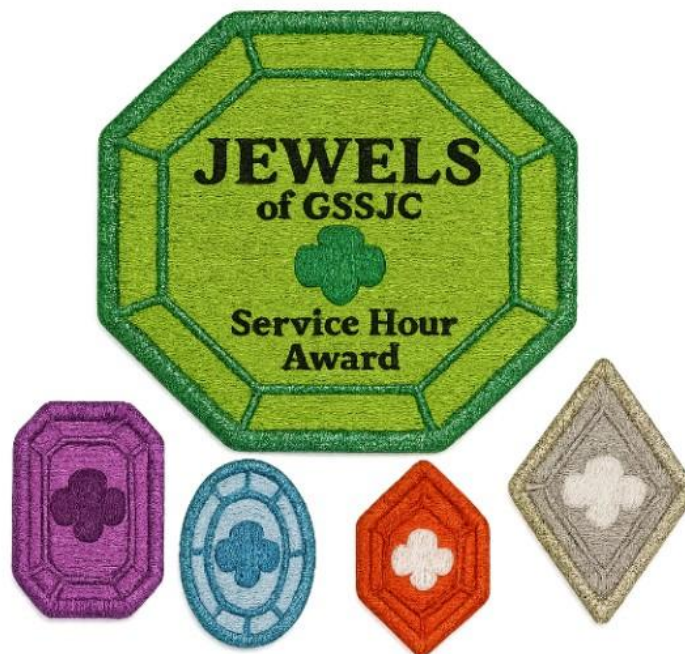
GSSJC Service Hour Award Guidelines

Jewels of GSSJC

Thank you for your service to the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto! The **Jewels of GSSJC Service Hour Award** honors the service of girl and adult members to Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. Please see below for more information and the application process for this award. Incomplete submissions or submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

- **What is this award for?** This award is a recognition of hours that you have completed in service of the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto during any year between **September 1 and August 31**. We thank you for your service!
- **Who is eligible to earn this award?** Every Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council Girl Scout and adult volunteer is eligible to earn this award every year! Each girl and adult volunteer must submit an individual application.
- **What will I receive in recognition of this award?** Each recipient will receive the Jewels of GSSJC Service Hour Award patch and jewel rocker that corresponds to their hours of service the first year they qualify. Each subsequent year, the recipient will receive the jewel rocker representing their annual hours of service. The Jewels of GSSJC Service Hour Award patch and all earned jewel rockers may be worn together.

Note: the following image is an artistic rendering of the set of patches. Actual colors and sizes may vary.



- **What are the award levels?**

				
	Amethyst	Sapphire	Ruby	Diamond
Younger Girl Daisy-Junior	5-25	26-49	50-74	75+
Older Girl Cadette-Ambassador	10-49	50-74	75-99	100+
Adult	25-74	75-149	150-299	300+
	Annual Hours			

- **How do I submit my hours?** Girls and adult volunteers are required to fill out and upload the printable tracking log on the last page of this document to keep track of their service activity details and required signatures throughout the year. This document will assist you in easily completing the [online final submission form](#) quickly and with the proper documentation. At the end of the online form, you will be asked to upload your tracking log.



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- ***Who can sign off on my hours?*** Your hours should be signed off by the highest-ranking volunteer associated with each volunteer opportunity. For adults, if you are the highest-ranking volunteer, please secure an additional high-ranking volunteer or staff signature. For girls, hours must be signed off by an adult who is outside your household regardless of whether that person was the highest-ranking adult in charge of the activity/event.
- ***What is the deadline to submit my application?*** This application and its supporting documentation is due each year on **OCTOBER 31** for the previous service award year (September 1 - August 31).
- ***Can I get this award retroactively for service completed in previous award years?*** No, this award cannot be earned retroactively. Please track your hours each year and submit your application by the deadline to earn your award. NOTE: The inception of this award is in Fall 2026. Girls and volunteers are permitted to submit their hours for the 2025-2026 award year by October 31, 2026 to earn their award.
- ***Can I include community service hours completed in service of another organization?*** No, this award is an internal Girl Scouts of San Jacinto recognition specifically for hours completed in service of GSSJC. Volunteer hours for other organizations, even if completed through Girl Scout channels, cannot be counted towards this award.
- ***Can I apply these hours to multiple awards?*** Your hours should not be “double-dipped,” meaning you shouldn’t use the same service hours for multiple Girl Scout awards (e.g. both your Bronze Award Project and the Jewels of GSSJC Service Hour Award).
- ***Where can I learn more about volunteer opportunities at GSSJC?*** Visit the [Become a Volunteer](#) page to see available roles for adults. Speak with your local troops, Community, Region, and Council to identify service opportunities for girls.
- ***Who should I contact with questions about this award?*** If you have questions about this award, please reach out to either gscommserv@sjgs.org (girls) or customerservice@sjgs.org (adults).

Service Hours Log

Please include any hours earned September 1st - August 31st of the given award year. Only hours in service of GSSJC will be counted toward your total. Please see below for examples of hours you can complete. This list is not comprehensive. If you have questions on whether certain hours can be counted, please email gscommserve@sjgs.org (girls) or customerservice@sjgs.org (adults).

Girl Volunteer Hours

Examples of hours that count:

- Serving on a Girl Planning Board for a Community, Region, or Council-wide event,
- Assisting with GSSJC events through Special Interest Groups,
- Volunteering at day/twilight camp,
- Leading activities for younger girls (outside of requirements to earn Junior Aide/Program Aide/Volunteer in Training awards),
- Serving as a Counselor in Training at camp (outside of the hours required to earn the Counselor in Training award),
- Doing an approved service project on GSSJC property, and much more!

Examples of hours that don't count:

- Service hours for another organization (e.g. volunteering at the animal shelter walking dogs),
- Service hours through Girl Scouts that benefited another organization (e.g. a Girl Scout troop-sponsored food drive for the local food bank), and
- Hours you've already recorded for another Girl Scout award, including Service to Girl Scouting, Highest Awards (Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award), Teaching Leadership Awards (Junior Aide, Program Aide, Volunteer in Training, Counselor in Training I/II).

Adult Volunteer Hours

Examples of hours that count:

- Volunteering with your troop, including helping at troop meetings, coordinating and leading field trips, taking girls to camp, managing the Fall Product/Cookie Program, serving as the treasurer (there are infinite possibilities!),
- Serving on a Community or Region service team,
- Leading or assisting with GSSJC events or day/twilight camp,
- Doing an approved service project on GSSJC property, and much more!

Examples of hours that don't count:

- Service hours for another organization (e.g. volunteering at the animal shelter walking dogs), and
- Service hours through Girl Scouts that benefited another organization (e.g. non-Girl Scout or adult-only food drive for the local food bank). Please note, hours coordinating a service project for Girl Scouts to participate in, even for an outside organization, *would* count.

Reminder: Your hours should be signed off by the highest-ranking volunteer associated with each volunteer opportunity. For adults, if you are the highest-ranking volunteer, please secure an additional high-ranking volunteer or staff signature. For girls, hours must be signed off by an adult who is outside your household regardless of whether that person was the highest-ranking adult in charge of the activity/event.

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Volunteer Name: _____ Award Year (9/1-8/31): _____

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