

Ervan Chew Award Application

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council Pluralism Statement:



"Embracing and promoting pluralism is an integral part of every activity and plan of Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, not disconnected or separate projects. Only individuals willing to accept and be educated about the basic tenet that Girl Scouting is for all girls may serve in volunteer leadership or staff positions."

The award was established in honor of Ervan Chew, a former board member of Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. He was a tireless volunteer and civic leader who acted on behalf of many community causes which he believed were important. He passed away unexpectedly on January 19, 1999 and is remembered for making his community a better place for all.

The Ervan Chew Award recognizes individuals in the Girl Scout community who have made a significant contribution to supporting pluralism. Award recipients demonstrate a commitment to making Girl Scouts a more diverse and inclusive movement.

Pluralism is not just diversity, but the active engagement and inclusion of girls and adults of diverse ethnic backgrounds, abilities, socio-economic status, and religions. This model of pluralism "extends a hand" to build relationships, understanding, acceptance, and respect among the Council community with the goal of fostering a better world.

Candidate Eligibility:

- (One award in each category may be presented each year)
- Girl Member—grades 11 - 12
- Adult Volunteer
- Community Member

Candidate Criteria:

- Demonstrates a true commitment to the GSSJC Pluralism Statement by making a concrete, sustainable contribution to pluralism that impacts girls, Girl Scouting and our community.

Examples of pluralism in action include:

- Establishing a long term, sustainable recreational program for disabled adults or children.
- Creating a social and/or Girl Scout outreach program such as a Summer Day Camp for multi-ethnic and/or disadvantaged girls.
- Implementing a sustainable community service project or event that aims to bring diverse groups together for education/social/recreational events.

Nomination Process:

- On-line: Application form available at www.gssjc.org in the Forms Link. Completed nominations must be transmitted to the Adult Recognition Committee by February 15.

Presentation Opportunities:

- Annually, each spring at the Adult Recognition Event, or
- Venue appropriate for and/or selected by the recipient.

Note: GSSJC Board, Adult Recognition Committee members and/or GSSJC staff are not eligible for the award. This award is NOT associated with the Ervan Chew Scholarship and no monies are attached to this honor.

For More information Contact: Volunteer Development Manager, tswanson@sigs.org or 713-292-0254



Nomination for Ervan Chew Award

Person Submitting Nomination:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Current Role in Girl Scouts: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Indicate nominee category:

_____ Girl Member _____ Adult Volunteer _____ Community Member

Submit at least 2 letters of endorsement stating specifically how, when, and where the nominee has demonstrated a true commitment and sustainable contribution to pluralism that impacts girls, Girl Scouting and our community.

Send completed nomination application to:
Adult Recognition Committee
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council
3110 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77098
tswanson@sjsorg

Deadline for submission: February 15

