

ERVAN CHEW AWARD APPLICATION

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council Pluralism Statement:

“Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is a pluralistic movement, committed to understanding our similarities and differences, building relationships and promoting a dialogue of acceptance and respect. Each individual involved must uphold the tenet that Girl Scouting is for all girls.”



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 who have made a significant contribution to supporting pluralism in the Girl Scout community. Award recipients demonstrate a sustainable 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 backgrounds and abilities who otherwise do not have access to Girl Scout programs/activities. 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
- Member of the community

Candidate Criteria:

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

Examples of pluralism in action include:

- Establishing a long term, sustainable recreational program for disabled adults or children.
- Creating social and/or Girl Scout outreach programs that are inclusive, and involve and/or benefit underserved girls in our community.
- Implementing sustainable community service projects that aim to bring diverse groups together for education/social/recreational purposes. (Completed Gold Award projects are not eligible since the girl is receiving the Gold Award for the project).

Nomination Process:

- Online: Application form F-336 is available at www.gssjc.org in the Forms tab (search by form number). Completed nominations must be received by the Adult Recognition Committee by February 15.

Presentation Opportunities:

- Annually, each spring at the Adult Recognition Event (**nominator must register nominee and speech reader for the event when notified of award**).
- 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.



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 ____ Member of the community

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, our community and Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. For more information contact: Volunteer Development Manager 713-292-0254.

Send completed nomination application to:
Adult Recognition Committee
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council
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Houston, TX 77098
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Deadline for submission: February 15

