



## Honor Troop & Honor Community Award Information



*Honor Troop &  
Honor Community Patches*

The Honor Troop and Honor Community Awards were established by USA Girl Scouts Overseas to recognize troops and overseas communities that make Girl Scouting an exceptional experience, setting themselves apart as role models.

### Honor Troop Award

Honor Troop can be earned by girls and troop leaders who are part of an exemplary Girl Scout Troop. To earn the Honor Troop Award, troops must meet the requirements listed on the application. Once the award requirements have been met, troop leaders may submit their applications to [overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org).

Every Girl Scout registered in an Honor Troop will receive an Honor Troop patch and Troop Leaders will receive a special Honor Troop gift.



*Honor Troop Patch*

### Honor Community Award

Honor Community can be earned by Girl Scouts and OCMT members who are part of an exemplary Overseas Community. To earn the Honor Community Award, overseas communities must meet the requirements on the application. Once award requirements have been met, applications may be submitted to [overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org).

Every Girl Scout registered in an Honor Community will receive the Honor Community patch and OCMT members will receive a special Honor Community gift. Custom Honor Community patches may be ordered at an additional cost. If interested, please request an estimate for the custom patch on your application.



*Honor Community Patch*



*Sample Custom Honor  
Community Patch*

Questions? Contact [overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org).



## Applications

Applications are available online at <http://www.usagso.org/en/for-volunteers/forms---documents.html>. Applications will be accepted May 1 - June 30. Applications will be reviewed and awarded within 14 days of submission. Awards will be shipped as soon as possible following notification of award.

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## Common Questions

Q. When are applications accepted?

A. May 1– June 30

Q. When will Awards be approved?

A. Awards will be approved as they are received. Please allow up to 2-weeks for review before hearing back about the status of your application.

Q How long will it take to receive our award and gifts?

A. Standard patches and Troop Leader/OCMT gifts will be mailed within 2-weeks of award approval. (So, within 4-weeks total from the date your application is submitted.) Customized patches will take an additional 4-6 weeks to produce. You will be notified once your awards have been shipped.

Q. How do Honor Communities order the customized patches?

A. Communities may request a price quote for customized patches on the Honor Community application form. USAGSO will provide this quote with the official notification of award. Communities can then elect to order the custom patches or to receive the standard USAGSO Honor Community Patch. Custom patches will be shipped directly from the manufacturer to your requested mailing address.

Q. What if my Girl Scouts and/or Volunteers are scheduled to move? How will they get their awards?

A. Unfortunately USAGSO can only ship awards to the primary troop or community contact listed on the application. We realize that summer is peak PCS season for our military communities and we will do everything we can to mail the awards out as quickly as possible. We do encourage our communities and troop leaders to keep track of girls and volunteers moving during this time so that their awards may be forwarded to their new address.

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Q. What is the Voices Count Survey?

A. The Voices Count Survey is Girl Scouts of the USA's annual survey to learn how girls, parents/guardians, and troop volunteers experience Girl Scouting. Please watch your official OCMT email accounts as well as your personal email accounts (and SPAM folders) for an invitation to participate in this survey.

Q. How do I conduct a financial audit for my community? What year-end paperwork do I need to submit?

A. For more information about audits, OC year-end paperwork, etc., please join us for our May BOOM Live webinar. All webinar recordings and a link to the slides will be sent to your official OCMT email account the week following the webinar. Still have questions? Please contact [overseascustomer@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseascustomer@girlscouts.org).

Q. What if we feel we are unable to accomplish one of the requirements due to extenuating circumstances beyond our control?

A. We understand that each community presents its own unique set of challenges (and opportunities!). If you feel like you are unable to accomplish one of the requirements as laid out in the application, please contact us at [overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseasvolunteerawards@girlscouts.org) to discuss adjusting the requirement to meet your unique situation.

Q. Will the 2020 Honor Troop and Honor Community deadline be postponed due to COVID-19?

A. The application period, May 1 – June 30, will remain the same. Accommodations will be made to help our communities achieve their goals and recognize the hard work that has been done throughout 2019-2020 membership year.

Q. What if we are unable to accomplish one or more of the requirements due to restrictions related to COVID-19 beyond our control?

A. USA Girl Scouts Overseas wants all our communities to be safe and follow the guidance and restrictions set out by your local authorities. We know that troops and communities have been using the Honor Troop and Honor Community activities to provide a meaningful and engaging Girl Scout Leadership Experience to their Girl Scouts since the beginning of the 2019-2020 membership year. If your community had to cancel events and meetings or postpone them until next year, please indicate postponed or canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions on the application next to the affected requirement. Then in a separate document provide an outline, budget or other brief statement describing what was planned.

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