



Honor Troop & Honor Community Award Information



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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 Honor Troop recognition, troops must meet the requirements listed on the application. Once the award requirements have been met, troop leaders may submit their application through the online portal:

<https://usagso.wufoo.com/forms/stcdvnp0i7fp4p/>.

Every Girl Scout registered in an Honor Troop will receive an Honor Troop patch and troop leaders will receive a special Honor Troop gift. After a girl has earned her Honor Troop patch, she can continue to receive a rocker for each year her troop successfully earns Honor Troop.



**Special 2021 rocker*



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 Honor Community recognition, overseas communities must meet the requirements on the application. Once award requirements have been met, applications may be submitted to the online portal:

<https://usagso.wufoo.com/forms/wonie8t0spa872/>.

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



Honor Community Patch



*Sample Custom Honor
Community Patch*



**Special 2021 rocker*

Once a girl has earned the Honor Community patch, she can continue to receive a rocker for each year her community earns Honor Community.

Questions? Contact overseascustomer@girlscouts.org.



Applications

This year an online application will be made available on April 1, 2021. Applications will be reviewed starting May 1 - June 30. Applications will be awarded within 14 days of their review. Awards will be shipped as soon as possible following award notification, please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Common Questions

Q. When are applications accepted and reviewed?

A. May 1- June 30

Q. When will awards be approved?

A. Awards will be approved on a rolling basis between May 1 and June 30. 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, please allow for 4-6 weeks. Customized patches are ordered and mailed directly from the vendor and may take an additional 4-6 weeks.

Q. How do Honor Communities order the customized patches?

A. Communities may request a price estimate for customized patches on the Honor Community application form. USAGSO will provide an estimate 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 ordered and shipped directly from the vendor to your requested mailing address. The cost of the customize patches and shipping are paid for by the individual community.

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.

Questions? Contact overseascustomer@girlscouts.org.

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 April 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.

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 use the space provided in the application to describe your circumstances.

Q. Will the 2021 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 2020-2021 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. If your community had to cancel or postpone events and meetings, in your application you will have the opportunity describe how your community and/or troop was able to pivot their program to stay within local restrictions and meet the needs of their girls. Please also refer to the February 2021 Troop Scoop for additional information around Honor recognition flexibility.