

TO SERVE GOD...

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.)



Baha'i



Baptist



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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Christian Science



Churches of Christ



Eastern Orthodox



Episcopal



Hindu



Islamic



Jewish



Lutheran



(Mormon) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Polish National Catholic Church



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Protestant and Independent Christian Churches



Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints



Roman Catholic Church



Unitarian Universalist



United Church of Christ



United Methodist



Unity Church



Interfaith Quick Reference Chart

for Girls and Adults in Girl Scouting

We, the members of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, (are) united by a belief in God.... We believe that the motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one.

-PREAMBLE, CONSTITUTION OF GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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RELIGION	BROWNIE	JUNIOR	CADETTE	SENIOR	ADULT
African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	God and Service; Adult Mentor Programs
Baha'i Baha'i National Center, Education and Schools Office, 1233 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201 (847) 869-9039 / e-mail schools@usbnc.org	Unity of Mankind	Unity of Mankind	Unity of Mankind	Unity of Mankind	
Baptist P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	Good Shepherd; Adult Mentor Programs
Buddhist Buddhist National Committee on Scouting 701 E. Thrift Ave, Kingsland, GA 31548-8213 (912) 729-6323 / e-mail: bcascout@eag.net	Ages 6-8 Padma Award	Ages 9-10 Padma Award	Ages 12-14 Padma Award	Pages 15-17 Padma Award	
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	God and Service; Adult Mentor Programs
Christian Science P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org		Ages 9-10 Christian Science God and Country	Ages 11-14 Christian Science God and Country		
Churches of Christ Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting ACU Box 27938, Abilene, TX 79699-7938 (915) 674-3739 / www.acu.edu/mccs-scouting	Grades 1-3 Joyful Servant Award	Grades 4-5 Joyful Servant Award	Grades 6-8 Good Servant Award	Grades 9-12 Good Servant Award	Faithful Servant Award
Eastern Orthodox P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Ages 6-9 St. George Award	Ages 9-10 Chi-Rho	Ages 11-14 Alpha Omega	Ages 15-17 Alpha Omega	Prophet Elias
Episcopal P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	St. George; Adult Mentor Programs
Hindu North American Hindu Association 847 E. Angela, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (925) 846-3811 / e-mail Hajratwala@home.com	Ages 6-8 Grades 1-3 Dharma Award	Ages 8-11 Grades 3-6 Dharma Award			
Islamic Islamic Committee on Girl Scouting 31 Marian St, Stamford, CT 06907 (203) 359-3593	Ages 5-9 Bismillah Award	Ages 9-11 In the Name of Allah Award	Ages 12-15 Quratul'a'in Award	Ages 15-17 Muslimeen Award	
Jewish National Jewish Girl Scout Committee 33 Central Dr, Bronxville, NY 10708-4603 (914) 738-3986 or (718) 252-6072 e-mail njgsc@aol.com	Ages 6-9 Lehavah Award	Ages 9-11 Bat Or Award	Ages 11-14 Menorah Award	Ages 15-17 Or Emunah Award	Ora Award
Lutheran P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 Lutheran Living Faith	Lamb Award; Servant of Youth Award;Adult Mentor Programs

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(Mormon) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Salt Lake District Center, Young Women's Department Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 76 N Main St, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 (801) 240-2141		Ages 10-11 Gospel in Action Award	Ages 12-13 Young Woman of Truth	Ages 14-15 Young Woman of Promise Ages 16-17 Young Woman of Faith; Young Womanhood Recognition	
Polish National Catholic Church National Committee on Scouting Polish National Catholic Church 115 Heather Hill Dr, Buffalo, NY 14224	Love of God Award	God and Community Award	God and Community Award	God and Community Award	Bishop Thaddeus F. Zielinski Award
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	God and Service; Adult Mentor Programs
Protestant and Independent Christian Churches P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	God and Service; Adult Mentor Programs
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 2-3 That of God	Grades 4-5 That of God	Grades 6-9 Spirit of Truth	Grades 10-12 Spirit of Truth	Friends Emblem
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Youth Ministries Office, The Auditorium PO Box 1059, Independence, MO 64051 (816) 833-1000 EXT. 1374 / jwright@lds.org	Age 8 Light of the World	Ages 9-10 Light of the World Age 11 Liahona	Ages 12-14 Liahona	Ages 15-17 Exploring My Life and World	World Community International Youth Service Award
Roman Catholic Church National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry 3700-A Oakview Terr NE, Washington, DC 20017 Attn: Orders Clerk (202) 636-3825	Ages 7-9 Family of God	Ages 9-11 I Live My Faith	Ages 12-14 The Marian Medal	Ages 12-14 The Marian Medal Ages 15-17 The Spirit Alive	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal and St. Anne Medal
Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Association ATTN: Bookstore 25 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108 (617) 742-2100, EXT. 102 or 1-800-215-9076		Ages 9-11 Religion in Life	Ages 12-14 Religion in Life	Ages 15-18 Religion in Life	
United Church of Christ P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	God and Service; Adult Mentor Programs
United Methodist P.R.A.Y. 8520 Mackenzie Rd, Ste. 3, St. Louis, MO 63123-3413 800-933-7729 / www.praypub.org	Grades 1-3 God and Me	Grades 4-5 God and Family	Grades 6-8 God and Church	Grades 9-12 God and Life	God and Service; Adult Mentor Programs
Unity Church Association of Unity Churches PO Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063 (816) 524-7414	Ages 6-8 God in Me	Ages 9-11 God in Me	Ages 11-13 Light of God		Distinguished Youth Service Award Miniature Pin

How do we get started on these programs?

- Girls must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.
 - Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly (see above chart).
 - Each girl needs her own booklet to document progress.
 - Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.
- Parents should review the program guidelines.
 - Some programs require that girls be official "members" of the religious institution.
 - Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.
 - Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.
- Families should talk to their religious leaders and if possible show them the booklet before beginning any program.
 - Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.
 - Many programs require the signature from the local religious leader.
- Girls must complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition or pin.
 - These recognitions or pins are not available in your Girl Scout store (follow the instructions in your booklet).
 - The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the girl's religious institution.
 - The award can be presented at anytime of the year. Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath in March is a perfect time to recognize recipients.

Frequently Asked Questions

About the Religious Recognitions for Girls and Adults in Girl Scouting

What are the religious recognitions programs?

The religious recognitions programs are programs created by the various religious groups to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. All religious recognitions programs have been created by the religious groups themselves, not by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.. The "Interfaith Quick Reference Chart" lists all the different religious programs currently available and who to contact for more information. The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. recognizes these programs and allows the recognition insignia to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program.

I have a troop with girls of all different faiths. How can I include the religious recognitions programs for my troop?

The religious recognitions programs should be presented to the Girl Scouts and their families as an optional program for them to complete through their religious organization. Religious instruction should always come from the religious organization, not from the troop leader. Parents need to be informed of these programs and told where to get the information for their particular faith.

Why doesn't my religious institution know about the religious recognitions programs?

Although the religious recognitions programs have been created by the religious bodies at the national level, the local religious institution may not be aware of these programs. It may be helpful to write for more information or even obtain a copy of the curriculum to give to your religious leader.

If the religious recognitions program for my faith has more than one level (for the different grade levels), may my child earn all of these recognitions?

Yes. Girls and young women can earn all levels of their religious recognitions program. However, they must be in the appropriate age/grade level according to program guidelines when they start and complete each level (they may not go backwards and earn younger programs).

Do the girls and young women have to belong to a religious institution?

It depends on the religion. Please check the eligibility requirements for your particular religious program.

Do boys and girls participate in the same program?

It depends on the religion. Some religions have created programs that are used by both boys and girls. Other religions have created separate programs for members of separate youth agencies (i.e. Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., and Camp Fire Boys and Girls). Please check the specific eligibility requirements for each religious recognition program.

Who may serve as counselor?

It depends on the program. Some require that clergy serve as counselor, others allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.

How long does it take to complete a program?

It depends on the program. Some may be completed in three or four months, others longer.

How do I order the recognition items?

Each religious program has its own award. Follow the instructions in your recognition guidelines because the awards come from different places and require submission of different information. These awards are not available in your local council store.

How is the award presented?

The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the girl's religious institution. Some awards come with a sample presentation ceremony.

Where is the recognition worn on the uniform?

Girl Scouts may wear the appropriate level religious recognition either on the badge sash below the membership stars, or on the right side of the uniform (level with the membership pin).

What are the adult recognitions?

The adult recognitions are by nomination only: they are honors given to worthy adults for their outstanding service to youth through both their religious institution and Girl Scouting. Recipients of these awards are unaware that they are being nominated: an outside party must nominate them to receive an award by submitting the required application, letters of recommendation, and resume. Please check eligibility requirements for specific awards.

For more information, contact the religious organizations listed on the chart. Or call your council representative(s):

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