

## My Promise, My Faith Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



**Is Girl Scouts teaching religion through MPMF?** No, Girl Scouts is a secular organization. The Girl Scout Promise and Law are in alignment with many faith organizations' teachings. MPMF and the GSLE provide Girl Scouts an opportunity to strengthen their faith journey as they grow their leadership skills.

**How does the MPMF award relate to the other religious recognitions?** The MPMF pin complements faith-based religious recognitions. A Girl Scout can choose to earn one or both awards in any order at the appropriate grade level. More information about religious recognitions can be found at the link <https://www.praypub.org/gsusu> or by contacting faith organizations.

**How often can a Girl Scout earn the MPMF award?** Every year she is a Girl Scout, so a possible maximum of 13 times if she participates in the program each year from Daisies to Ambassadors. There is a unique pin for each year within a program level (only a single pin from each level is pictured above). To earn the award, she is encouraged to select a different line of the Girl Scout Law each year. However, she may choose to repeat a portion of the Law at a different program level as long as the specific activities she does are different or reflect a different level of understanding of the Law or her faith. A Girl Scout does not have to have earned the award at a younger grade level to begin earning it, nor is she required to earn it every year.

**Where are the MPMF pins worn?** Please see the Girl Guides to Girl Scouting.

**Where can a Girl Scout wear her faith's religious recognitions?** Religious recognitions can be worn alongside the MPMF pin or anywhere else she chooses below MPMF.

**How much time does a Girl Scout have to complete the award?** Girl Scouts can complete MPMF requirements any time during the membership year. Girl Scouts who attend the optional MPMF Kick-Off event may want to complete the steps immediately after the event; others may take several weeks or months to do so.

**Does a Girl Scout have to attend a MPMF Kick-Off event to earn the award? How many times can a Girl Scout attend a MPMF Kick-Off event?** A Girl Scout does not have to attend a Kick-Off event to earn the award. She may work independently with a Girl Scout volunteer or her family to select a line of the Girl Scout Law to work on. If a Girl Scout does wish to attend a Kick-Off event, there is no limit to the number of times she can participate (other than space limitations and fairness to other Girl Scouts). Once a Girl Scout has attended an event and/or completed her first MPMF recognition, it is not necessary for her to repeat the event in subsequent years.

**When is it appropriate to present the MPMF award?** These awards can be presented to Girl Scouts at any time once they have completed the requirements, but it is more fun and meaningful if they are presented at a special ceremony or Court of Awards. Also, many faith organizations acknowledge religious recognitions earned by Girl Scouts in their faith community during GS Sunday or GS Shabbat. The MPMF recognition can be incorporated into these ceremonies.

**How can my Council develop Faith Collaborations?** MPMF has been welcomed by several key national faith organizations. Use MPMF as an opportunity to cultivate new partnerships.