



Training Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal

Please type. Go to **gswise.org** for writeable pdf version. Make copies for your troop leader/advisor and for you to keep. Submit original to the council three weeks prior to the pre-scheduled interview date you wish to attend. Mail to Gold Award, Administrative Offices, Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast, P.O. Box 14999, Milwaukee, WI, 53214-0999, or drop it off at your local Girl Scout service center. You will be contacted by the council to schedule your first interview with the Girl Scout Gold Award Mentor Committee. Do not begin project until you have received approval by Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast through the interview process.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Your E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Volunteer's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Can not be troop/group volunteer or parent)

Project Advisor has successfully completed background check and is an approved volunteer.

Project Advisor's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisites:** Two Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador Journeys **-OR-** one Journey and the Girl Scout Silver Award. List Journeys that you have completed along with your troop/group volunteer's signature.

Girl Scout Senior/Ambassador Journey Books	Date Completed	Troop/Group Volunteer's Signature
1.		
2.		
3. Girl Scout Silver Award		

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## How will you develop through this project?

### How will you *discover*:

- develop a stronger sense of self.
- develop positive values.
- gain practical life skills.
- seek challenges in the world.
- develop critical thinking.

### How will you *connect*:

- develop healthy relationships.
- promote cooperation and teambuilding.
- resolve conflicts.
- advance diversity in a multicultural world.
- feel more connected to my community, locally and globally.

### How will you *take action*:

- identify community issues.
- be a resourceful problem solver.
- advocate for myself and others, locally and globally.
- educate and inspire others to act.
- feel empowered to make a difference in the world.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Your Team

List the names of individuals and organizations that you plan to work with and lead as you carry out your Girl Scout Gold Award project. This is a preliminary list that may grow throughout the course of your project.

Team Members	Organization	Role

**Type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.**

- A. Describe your project:
  - The community issue and root cause your project will address
  - What you will be doing for your project
  - Who is your target audience and what is the impact your project will have on your community and target audience
- B. Why/how did you identify this community issue and root cause?
- C. Outline the strengths, talents, and skills that you plan to put into action. What skills will you improve upon or develop?
- D. Describe the steps involved in putting your plan into action, including resources, facilities, equipment, and approvals needed. (Attach a detailed Project Plan.)
- E. Enter the names of people or organizations you plan to inform and involve.
- F. Estimate overall project expenses and how you plan to meet those costs. Ensure that any money-earning activities, requests for in-kind donations, etc. all have the necessary paperwork and approvals. (Attach a detailed Budget Sheet.)
- G. What methods or tools will you use to evaluate the impact of your project? What examples of the project impact might you see in the future?
  - Apply S.M.A.R.T. objectives when developing project goals.  
**S.M.A.R.T. = Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timely**



# Proposed Budget Sheet

Estimated Expenses: Description of supplies needed (Save copies of all receipts for your records)	Estimated Expenses
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Be sure to follow all money-earning guidelines as described in *Volunteer Essentials*

Estimated Income: Money-earning activities, donations, grants			
Description of Income	Where and When	Approval Received	Estimated Income
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>





# Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report

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- 6-12 project pictures and a **headshot photo** on a CD, DVD, zip drive, or via e-mail to [kcondon@gswise.org](mailto:kcondon@gswise.org). Photos should be action-oriented. Digital photos are the **only accepted format**. No Word Documents, PDF's or videos. Please note that the application **will not be considered complete** until we receive the accompanying photos.
- Signed Photo Release Form for Minors. Form can be downloaded at [gswise.org](http://gswise.org) in the *Forms* section. The photos will be used at the annual council recognition event, for other council publications, on the council website and in media releases.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Your E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how your name should appear in the recognition event program and certificate:

\_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Volunteer's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Can not be troop/group volunteer or parent)

Project Advisor's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Team:** List the names of individuals and organizations that worked with you on your Girl Scout Gold Award Project (use additional paper if necessary).

Team Members	Affiliation	Role

**Type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.**

- A. Describe the following: 1) What you did for your project, 2) the community issue and root cause that your project addressed, 3) who benefited, and 4) the impact your project made.
- B. What was the root cause of the issue? How did you address it?
- C. How is your project being sustained beyond your involvement?
- D. What was the most successful aspect of your project? What are concrete examples that you made a difference?
- E. Explain the national and/or global link to your project.
- F. Describe any obstacles you encountered and what you did to overcome them.
- G. Describe what steps you took to inspire others through sharing your project. (Web site, blog, presentations, posters, videos, articles, and so on).
- H. Describe what you learned from this project including leadership skills you developed. What did you learn about yourself as a result of this project?
- I. What aspects of your project would you do differently if you could start over?
- J. Write a project summary in 70-90 words briefly summarizing your project and what it accomplished, your reason for selecting this project, who was involved, and who benefited.

**Example project description:**

Jessica learned about a middle school student who took his life and she couldn't help wondering what could be done to prevent such tragedies. As a result, she created the project In The Know About Depression. Using her artistic and creative talents, she designed, printed, and distributed 500 stickers asking the public to share their personal stories with others. Her project reduced the stigma of depression by encouraging adults to talk about depression with others. She also distributed stickers at the 2008 National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk at Milwaukee's lakefront.

**Tell us more about yourself! Type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.**

- A. List your other achievements in Girl Scouting (Program Aide, CIT, Camper Council, Girl Scout Destinations, years at camp)
- B. What types of school (sports/clubs) or church activities do you participate in?
- C. Describe your fondest memory of Girl Scouting.
- D. What are your plans for the future (college/career)?

**Don't Forget:**

- If you are a high school senior, you need to complete the Girl Scout Gold Award project and submit the Final Report paperwork by September 30 of the year you graduate. Your final interview needs to be scheduled by November 30 of the year you graduate.
- Submit 6-12 project pictures and a **headshot photo** on a CD, DVD, zip drive, or via e-mail to [kcondon@gswise.org](mailto:kcondon@gswise.org) to be used at the annual council recognition event and may also be used for other council publications, on the council website and in media releases. Include your name and troop number with the photos.
- Complete and submit a Release Form for Minors, available at [www.gswise.org](http://www.gswise.org), *Forms* section.
- Create a project display board or scrapbook for your interview and the Girl Scout Recognition Event in May.



## Impact on you...

Goals	Examples of Immediate Impact
<p>How did you develop through this project?</p> <p><b>Discover:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> I developed a stronger sense of self by _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I developed positive values such as _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I gained practical life skills like _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I sought challenges in the world when I _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I developed critical thinking by _____.</li></ul> <p><b>Connect:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> I developed healthy relationships with _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I promoted cooperation and teambuilding by _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I resolved conflicts when _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I advanced diversity in a multicultural world by _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I felt more connected to my community, locally and globally as I _____.</li></ul> <p><b>Take Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> I identified community issues like _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I was a resourceful problem solver when _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I advocated for myself and others, locally and globally by _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I educated and inspired others to act by _____.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> I felt empowered to make a difference in the world when _____.</li></ul>	<p>Within each leadership key (Discover, Connect and Take Action) list one or two examples of your growth as a leader.</p>

## Possible Future Impact

How do you think your leadership skills will grow in the future because of this project?

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Final Budget Sheet

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