







Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards FAQs

Question	 Bronze	 Silver	 Gold
What grade level(s) earn this award?	Juniors (Grades 4–5)	Cadettes (Grades 6–8)	Seniors and Ambassadors (Grades 9–12)
Is training available and/or mandatory?	Not required Recorded video available	Not required Recorded video -OR- In-Person Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 min • Free – Girls and adults receive folder 	Mandatory Recorded video -OR- In-Person Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 min • Free - Girls and adults receive folder
What are the pre-requisite requirement(s)?	Complete one Junior Journey —“Completing” a Journey means that girls earn all Journey awards, including the Take Action project. The Take Action project and all of the activities done with the Journey are separate from any work done on the Bronze Award project.	Complete one Cadette Journey —“Completing” a Journey means that girls earn all Journey awards, including the Take Action project. The Take Action project and all of the activities done with the Journey are separate from any work done on the Silver Award project.	Complete two* Senior or Ambassador Journeys —“Completing” a Journey means that girls earn all Journey awards, including the Take Action project. The Take Action project and all of the activities done with the Journey are separate from any work done on the Gold Award project. *If girls have previously earned the Girl Scout Silver Award, girls only need to complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey.
What steps do girls need to take to earn this award?	Pre-req: One Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build team 2. Explore community 3. Choose project 4. Plan project 5. Do project 6. Spread the word 7. Submit final report 	Pre-req: One Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify issues 2. Build team 3. Explore community 4. Develop project 5. Submit project proposal 6. Make plan and put into effect 7. Spread the word 8. Submit final report 	Pre-reqs: Journey(s) and training <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify an issue 2. Investigate 3. Build team 4. Create plan 5. Submit project proposal and give presentation 6. Do project 7. Inspire others 8. Submit final report and give presentation
Do girls work individually or in groups?	Group (individuals will recruit a team to help them)	Small team (2–4 girls) or individual (individuals will recruit team to help them)	Individually (girls will build a team of community organizations and resources to help them)
What is the suggested minimum number of hours a girl would spend working toward earning this award?	20 hours per girl	50 hours per girl	80 hours per girl
Can the project address a need within Girl Scouting?	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Can girls raise and donate money in the name of another organization for this award?	No.	No.	No.
To what degree must this award project be sustainable?	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting.	Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.	Project must include provisions to ensure sustainability.

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To what degree must this award project be global?	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve.	Girls connect with new friends outside their immediate community, learn how others have solved similar problems, and determine if the ideas of others can help with their plan.	Girls identify national and/or global links to their selected issue. They learn from others and develop a plan to share the results of their project beyond the local community.
Who serves as a project advisor for this award?	Expert on project issue from their community. Can be troop/group volunteer, if they are an expert.	Expert on project issue from their community. Can be troop/group volunteer, if they are an expert.	Expert on project issue from their community. Must not be troop/group volunteer or parent.
Is council approval required to earn this award?	No. Approval is made at the troop/group level.	No. Approval is made at the troop/group level.	Yes. Approval is made at council level though an informal meeting with the Highest Awards Committee representative which is scheduled after the Proposal is submitted.
Do girls have to submit a project proposal to the council before they begin working on earning this award?	No.	Yes. Submit two weeks before beginning the project.	Yes. at least three weeks prior to the tentative start date of the project.
Do girls have to complete a presentation with the council to gain project approval?	No.	No.	Yes. An informal meeting with the Highest Awards Committee representative is scheduled after the Final Report is received by council.
Is a final report due to the council upon completion?	Yes. Submit one report per project when project is complete.	Yes. Submit one report per project when project is complete.	Yes. Each girl submits her own report.
Is there different information in the adult guide but not in the girl guidelines?	Yes. Coaching tips	Yes. Coaching tips	Yes. Coaching tips
What resources are available for girls that are earning this award?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Journeys On council website: • Bronze Award Girl Scout Guide • Adult Guide • Final Report form • Community mapping activity • Grant information • Bronze Award project highlights in the Highest Awards Celebration program • FAQs • Bronze Award Virtual Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadette Journeys On council website: • Silver Award Girl Scout Guide • Adult Guide • Project Proposal and Final Report forms • Community mapping activity • Grant information • Silver Award project highlights in the Highest Awards Celebration program • FAQs • Silver Award Virtual Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior or Ambassador Journeys On council website: • Your Guide to Going Gold (Girl Guidelines) • Go Gold Online—GSUSA Gold Award web app • Adult Guide • Troop Leader Guide • Project Advisor Guide • Gold Award Project Rubric • Grant information • Link to Go Gold Online for reports • FAQs • Gold Award Virtual Training
How are girls recognized?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troop co-leaders/girls can plan their own ceremony. • Service Units may recognize girls at end-of-year celebrations. • Girls are invited to the council-wide Highest Awards Celebration which occurs in May. The deadline to be recognized is March 1. Any projects with final reports received after March 1 will be recognized the following year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troop co-leaders/girls can plan their own ceremony. • Service Units and/or schools may recognize girls at end-of-year celebrations. • Girls are invited to the council-wide Highest Awards Celebration which occurs in May. The deadline to be recognized is March 1. Any projects with final reports received after March 1 will be recognized the following year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Units and/or schools may recognize girls at end-of-year celebrations. • Girls are invited to the council-wide Highest Awards Celebration which occurs in May. The deadline to be recognized is March 1. Any projects with final reports received after March 1 will be recognized the following year.