

GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP: INCREASING PARTICIPATION

Learn, Apply, & Participate

Learn new leadership skills and apply them to leadership roles not only in Girl Scouts but in your community as well!

This project is intended for CSA's (Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors) in the GSWISE Council.



- **Step 1:** Learn about Leadership Positions
- **Step 2:** Interview a Leader in Girl Scouts
- **Step 3:** Apply for a Leadership Position in Girl Scouts OR Create Positions within your Troop
- **Step 4:** Learn about Leadership in your Community
- **Step 5:** Apply for a Leadership Position in your Community

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Step 1: Learn about Leadership Positions

• Examples:

- Girl Scout Leadership Network (GSLN), Council Delegate, Media Girls, Counselor in Training (CIT), Volunteer in Training (VIT), Program Assistant (PA), National Delegate/National Council Session

• What to Research:

- What is the position?
 - What are the requirements? (what skills or experience do you need)
 - What can you learn from this position?
 - Would you want to hold any of these positions?
- Once you finish your research, share what you learned with your troop or a friend or family member.



Step 2: Interview a Leader in Girl Scouts

• Examples:

- CEO, COO, Troop Leaders, Service Unit Leaders, Board Members, Girl Scouts serving in leadership positions (learned in Step 1, ex: Girl Scout Leadership Network)

• Questions:

- What parts of leadership are rewarding?
 - What is challenging about leading others?
 - Why do you believe leadership in Girl Scouts is important?
 - What does it take to be a leader? What skills are necessary?
- Once you have completed your interview, share what you learned with your troop, or a friend or family member.

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Step 3: Apply for a Leadership Position in Girl Scouts OR Create Positions within your own troop

- **Visit the GSWISE Website to learn about available leadership positions**
 - Be sure to check your email, social media and the website often for application openings and deadlines.
- **Creating Positions in Your Troop**
 - Decide what positions in your troop would be necessary to run meetings on your own, positions such as secretary, treasurer and president are common. These can help your troop learn how to manage your “to do” list and decide together what activities you want to do.



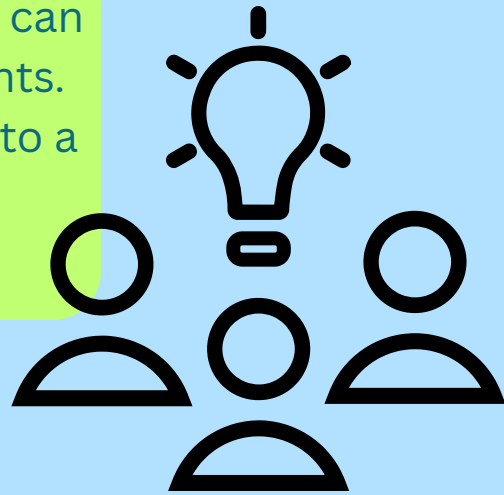
Step 4: Learn about Leadership Positions in Your Community

- **Examples:**
 - School Board Representative
 - Student Council
 - Youth Advisory Councils
- Once you learn about some leadership positions, pick one you would be interested in and conduct a mock interview for the position with a troop member or a family member or friend.
- **Mock Interview Questions:**
 - Why would you like this position?
 - What qualifications do you believe make you a good fit?
 - What do you hope to accomplish within this role?

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Step 5: Apply for and/or Hold a Leadership Position in your Community

- Take action! Apply for a leadership position within your school, community or other positions you learned about in Step 4.
- If you hold leadership positions, you can earn awards for your accomplishments. Look into the awards below and talk to a troop leader if you believe you have earned one.



Leadership Awards

| Cadettes | Seniors | Ambassadors |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Take Action Award • Take Action Award • Silver Torch Award • True North Award • Program Aide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Take Action Award • Take Action Award • Gold Torch Award • True North Award • Volunteer in Training • Counselor in Training I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Take Action Award • Take Action Award • Gold Torch Award • True North Award • Volunteer in Training • Counselor in Training I |

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Information about Girl Scout leadership positions for CSA's as well as applications and deadlines can be found on the GSWISE Website (<https://www.gswise.org/>).

Easy Navigation:

- Go to the “Members” tab at the top right
- Underneath “For Girls,” click on “For Older Girl Scouts”
- Information about leadership opportunities, applications, programs, Highest Awards and Scholarships will all be listed!



Troop Leaders!

In order to receive the patch pictured on the front of the packet, visit the GSWISE Resource Center. The custom patch is free of charge while supplies last. After that, stock patches can be purchased at the Resource Center such as those linked below: