




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 – Girl Scouts and adults receive folder 	Mandatory Recorded video -OR- In-Person Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 min • Free - Girl Scouts and adults receive folder
What are the pre-requisite requirement(s)?	<p>Choose and complete one Junior-level GSUSA National Leadership Award from the available options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True North Award • Junior Aide Award • Take Action Award • Global Action Award • Journey (option no longer available after Oct. 1, 2026) <p>The pre-requisite work done is separate from any work done on the Bronze Award project.</p>	<p>Choose and complete one Cadette-level GSUSA National Leadership Award from the available options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True North Award • Program Aide Award • Silver Torch Award • Take Action Award • Global Action Award • Journey (option no longer available after Oct. 1, 2026) <p>Fast Track: Girl Scouts who earned the Bronze Award as a Junior Girl Scout have already completed the Silver Award pre-requisite requirement.</p> <p>The pre-requisite work done is separate from any work done on the Silver Award project.</p>	<p>Choose and complete one Senior/ Ambassador-level GSUSA National Leadership Award from the available options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True North Award • Counselor-in-Training Award • Volunteer-in-Training Award • Gold Torch Award • Take Action Award • Global Action Award • Journey (option no longer available after Oct. 1, 2026) <p>Fast Track: Girl Scouts who earned the Silver Award as a Cadette Girl Scout have already completed the Gold Award pre-requisite requirement.</p> <p>The pre-requisite work done is separate from any work done on the Gold Award project.</p>
Do Girl Scouts work individually or in groups?	Group (individuals will recruit a team to help them)	Small team (2–4 Girl Scouts) or individual (individuals will recruit team to help them)	Individually (Girl Scouts will build a team of community organizations and resources to help them)
What is the suggested minimum number of hours a Girl Scout would spend working toward earning this award?	20 hours per Girl Scout	50 hours per Girl Scout	80 hours per Girl Scout
Can the project address a need within Girl Scouting?	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Can Girl Scouts 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, Girl Scouts develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting.	Girl Scouts 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, Girl Scouts develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve.	Girl Scouts 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.	Girl Scouts 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 Girl Scouts 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 Girl Scouts 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 Scout 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 Girl Scouts that are earning this award?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSUSA Leadership Awards (varies) On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> GSUSA Leadership Awards (varies) On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Silver Award In-Person Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSUSA Leadership Awards (varies) On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your Guide to Going Gold (Girl Guidelines) GoGold Online—GSUSA Gold Award web app Adult Guide Troop Leader Guide Project Advisor Guide Gold Award Project Rubric Grant information Link to GoGold Online for reports FAQs Gold Award Virtual Training Gold Award In-Person Training
How are Girl Scouts recognized?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Troop co-leaders/Girl Scouts can plan their own ceremony. Service Units may recognize Girl Scouts at end-of-year celebrations. Girl Scouts 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/Girl Scouts can plan their own ceremony. Service Units and/or schools may recognize Girl Scouts at end-of-year celebrations. Girl Scouts 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 Girl Scouts at end-of-year celebrations. Girl Scouts 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.