

Awards At-A-Glance

The Girl Scout Award Program encourages girls to discover themselves and their values, explore the world, connect with others locally and globally, and take action to make the world a better place. The steps to earning the awards are rooted in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, and the three keys to leadership –Discover, Connect and Take Action.

Award TYPE	BRONZE AWARD®	SILVER AWARD®	GOLD AWARD®
GRADE/ AGE-LEVEL	Girls in 4 th or 5 th grade and registered as a Girl Scout Junior.	Girls in 6 th , 7 th , or 8 th grade and registered as a Girl Scout Cadette.	Girls in 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade and registered as a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador.
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn in Girl Scouting. ✓ A group project that focuses on an issue that girls care about that they would like to improve within Girl Scouts or the local community. ✓ Girls will develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve. ✓ Girls will develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting. ✓ Girls must complete 20 project hours. Project hours may start when completing Bronze Award Guidelines however hours cannot include completing the Junior Journey. ✓ Guidance provided by troop/group volunteer. ✓ Individual/group must complete troop money earning application for project money earning activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn in Girl Scouting. ✓ Girls will take action on a community issue of interest. ✓ An individual or group (2-4 girls) project that makes the local neighborhood or community better (outside of Girl Scouting). ✓ Girls will 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 will demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation. ✓ Girls must complete 50 project hours. Project hours may start when completing Silver Award Guidelines. Project hours may start when completing Silver Award Guidelines however hours cannot include completing the Cadette Journey. ✓ Guidance provided by troop/group volunteer (Individuals with experience in selected issue encouraged to participate). ✓ Individual/group must complete troop money earning application for project money earning activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Senior or Girl Scout Ambassador can earn in Girl Scouting. ✓ An individual project that addresses a community issue of interest that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond (outside of Girl Scouting). ✓ 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. ✓ Project will include provisions to ensure sustainability. ✓ Girls must complete 80 project hours. Project hours may start when completing Gold Award Guidelines. ✓ Guidance provided by Project Advisor (A Project Advisor provides guidance, experience and expertise in the selected project issue.) ✓ Individual must complete troop money earning application for project money earning activities.
COUNCIL AWARD STEPS	<p>1. Complete the Bronze Award Guidelines located in The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for Juniors.</p> <p>Step 1: Complete one Junior Journey(See Award Resources) Girls must complete all of the journey awards. Step 2: Build Girl Scout Junior Team(A girl can be a Juliette Girl Scout who would like to take the lead with the guidance of a Girl Scout advisor OR a part of a troop or group where girls take the lead). Step 3: Explore the community. Step 4: Choose Bronze Award project. Step 5: Make a plan. Step 6: Put project plan into action. Step 7: Spread the word.</p> <p>2. Each girl must submit a Bronze Award Report Form.</p>	<p>1. Complete the Silver Award Guidelines located in The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for Cadettes.</p> <p>Step 1: Complete one Cadette Journey(See Award Resources) Girls must complete all of the journey awards. Step 2: Identify an issue. Step 3: Build Girl Scout Silver Award team or decide if project will be completed individually. Step 4: Explore the community. Step 5: Pick your Take Action project. Step 6: Develop your project. Step 7: Make a plan and put it into motion. Step 8: Evaluate and celebrate.</p> <p>2. Each girl must submit a Silver Award Report Form.</p>	<p>1. Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) or Earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey (See Award Resources) Girls must complete all of the journey awards.</p> <p>2. Complete the Gold Award Guidelines for Seniors and Ambassadors.*</p> <p>Step 1: Choose an issue. Step 2: Investigate project issue. Step 3: Get help: Build team to support project efforts and demonstrate leadership. Step 4: Create a plan. Step 5: Present Gold Award Project Proposal and get feedback from Gold Award Review Committee. Step 6: Take action on project issue. Step 7: Educate and inspire.</p> <p>3. Submit Gold Award Final Project Report Form to the Gold Award Review Committee *Girls may use guidelines from Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting however a Gold Award packet has been designed for girls seeking the Gold Award. Guidelines can be located at www.gsooh.org (Programs, Award Program, Girl Scout Gold Award).</p>

	<u>Junior Journey</u>	<u>Cadette Journey</u>	<u>Senior Journey</u>
AWARD RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agent of Change/<i>It's Your World—Change It!- Journey Series</i> ▪ Get Moving!/<i>It's Your Planet-Love It!</i> ▪ aMUSE/<i>It's Your Story-Tell It!</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional Resources</u></p> <p>www.gsooh.org (Programs, Award Program, Girl Scout Bronze Award or Award Resources)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bronze Award Guidelines for Adult Volunteers ✓ Award Report Forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ aMAZE/<i>It's Your World—Change It!</i> ▪ Breathe/<i>It's Your Planet-Love It!</i> ▪ MEdia/<i>It's Your Story-Tell It!</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional Resources</u></p> <p>www.gsooh.org (Programs, Award Program, Girl Scout Silver Award or Award Resources)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Silver Award Guidelines for Adult Volunteers ✓ Award Report Forms ✓ Silver Award Workshop(offered regionally) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Girltopia/<i>It's Your World—Change It!</i> ▪ Sow What?/<i>It's Your Planet-Love It</i> ▪ MISSION SISTERHOOD/<i>It's Your Story Tell It!</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ambassador Journey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Your Voice/<i>Your World/It's Your World—Change It!</i> ▪ Justice/<i>It's Your Planet-Love It!</i> ▪ BLISS: Live It! Give It!/<i>It's Your Story-Tell It!</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional Resources</u></p> <p>www.gsooh.org (Programs, Award Program, Girl Scout Gold Award or Award Resources)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gold Award Guidelines Adult Volunteers ✓ Gold Award Workshop (offered regionally)
AWARD SUBMISSION PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Girl Scout Bronze Award Report(s) Form (Reports accepted year round) ✓ Each girl must use forms from Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland-no exceptions. ✓ Mail paperwork to: Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Attn: Bronze Award Review 1700 WaterMark Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43215 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Girl Scout Silver Award Report(s) Form (Reports accepted year round) ✓ Each girl must use forms from Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland-no exceptions. ✓ Mail paperwork to: Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Attn: Silver Award Review 1700 WaterMark Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43215 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Girl Scout Gold Award Proposal and submit by the 15th of each month. Applications should be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to start of project start date. ✓ Complete Girl Scout Gold Award Project Final Report (Paperwork must be submitted by March 15, 2012 to participate in 2012 Gold Award Ceremony). ✓ Each girl must use forms from Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland-no exceptions. ✓ Mail paperwork to: Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Attn: Gold Award Review Committee 1700 WaterMark Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43215
PROJECT APPROVAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Troop/Group Volunteer gives approval for project completed. ✓ Council Representative will review Bronze Award Report(s) and an award authorization is sent to Troop/Group Volunteer to purchase award pin(s). ✓ Girls will receive congratulations letter and certificate 2 weeks after submission of paperwork. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Troop/Group Volunteer gives approval for project completed. ✓ Council Representative will review Silver Award Report(s) and an award authorization is sent to Troop/Group Volunteer to purchase award pin(s). ✓ Girls will receive congratulations letter and certificate 2 weeks after submission of paperwork. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Gold Award Review Committee is dedicated to ensure that projects meet national guidelines. ✓ Committee is comprised of seasoned volunteers who review projects based on the size, scope, and cost of project and make recommendations for project development and to guarantee that the project is appropriate to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. ✓ The Gold Award Review Committee has the authority to approve and deny projects. ✓ Gold Award Candidate will be notified regarding decision of committee by 1st of the month (Gold Award pins are presented to girls at Gold Award Ceremony).