

## GOLD AWARD APPLICATION PROCESS INDIVIDUAL PROJECT

When you have finished preparing your Gold Award Application and you have obtained the Project Advisor's signature, turn it into the Gold Award Review Committee [GARC] by Friday @ 4 PM prior to the 4th Monday of each month. **Please submit your application 6 weeks prior to start of your project.**

### The Gold Award Review Committee will decide one of three things at the time of review:

1. **Your Gold Award project proposal is APPROVED.** You may begin your project at once. You will receive an official letter of Gold Award project proposal approval by mail.
2. **Your Gold Award project will need to be RE-SUBMITTED.** The GARC recommends that you will need to revise your proposal and/or, any other requests by the GARC, such as a revised time line or a budget, etc. Your Gold Award project proposal is approved contingent upon the completion of one or more items. *You may not begin work on the actual project until you have completed those preliminary items and your Gold Award Review Committee has approved them.* You may make this submission by email sent to the Council staff liaison [Alexis Howze, Program Manager [ahowze@gsohiosheartland.org](mailto:ahowze@gsohiosheartland.org) ] who will forward it to the committee members. You will hear back within 7-10 days after the GARC has received the re-submission. Your Council staff liaison will notify you, and then send out your project approval letter.

*Note: Most girls will hear option number two. It is not at all unusual to have overlooked a detail or two in preparing your proposal, even with the help of a Committee Member or other advisors. If you follow the guidelines carefully and work closely with your Gold Award Review Committee, you will be successful.*

3. **Your Gold Award project proposal is NOT APPROVED.** You will be given the opportunity to work with a Gold Award Review Committee member who will assist you in preparing a new or revised proposal. You must reapply to the Committee after re-working your proposal in order to get your proposal approved. Most proposals that are not approved contain a dimension that is not permitted as Girl Scouts, e.g. benefits or focuses upon the Girl Scout community; raises money for other organizations; involves a political race, involves a game of chance including a raffles, etc.

**Notification:** Within the days following the meeting, your Gold Award Committee Council staff liaison may email you the notes from the meeting so that you will have a record of the Committee comments, along with any suggestions or contacts they may have given you to assist in the completion of your project.

***Any questions about this process should be directed to your Gold Award Review Committee Council staff liaison. Part of earning the Gold Award is learning to work with others in a team to accomplish your goals. The importance of working with your Council Gold Award Review Committee cannot be overemphasized. Girls who work closely with their GARC have the greatest success!***