







## Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards FAQs

Question	 <b>Bronze</b>	 <b>Silver</b>	 <b>Gold</b>
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  Online training available via gsLearn	Mandatory  Online training available via gsLearn -OR- In-Person Training • 2 hours	Mandatory  Online training available via gsLearn -AND- Participation in at least ONE Gold Patrol Workshop held same evening as Council Gold Award Committee meeting
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 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 1. Identify issues 2. Build team 3. Explore community 4. Develop project 5. Submit Silver Award Proposal 6. Make plan and put into effect 7. Spread the word 8. Submit Silver Award Final Report	Pre-reqs: Journey(s), training & workshop 1. Identify an issue 2. Investigate 3. Build team 4. Create plan 5. Submit project proposal through GoGold Online 6. Wait for invite to present 7. Do project 8. Inspire others 9. Submit final report through GoGold Online
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 spent 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 develop a plan for sustainability in the project proposal 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 ( <i>optional</i> ).	Expert on project issue from their community. Can not be troop/group volunteer or parent.
Is council approval required to earn this award?	No. Approval is made at the troop/group level.	Yes. Approval is made at the council level.	Yes. Approval is made at council level though a presentation process.
Do girls have to submit a project proposal to the council before they begin working on earning this award?	No.	Yes. Submit 30 days before beginning the project.	Yes. With submission a mentor is assigned to prepare candidate for committee presentation.
Do girls have to complete a presentation with the council to gain project approval?	No.	No.	Yes.
Is a final report due to the council upon completion?	Yes. Submit one report per girl when project is complete.	Yes. Submit the Silver Award Final Report for the project.	Yes. Each girl submits her own report through GoGold Online for Committee approval.
Is there different information in the adult guide but <b>not</b> 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"> <li>• Junior Journeys</li> </ul> On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Girl Scout Juniors (also in Spanish)</li> <li>• Final Report form</li> <li>• Troop/Group Volunteer Guide (also in Spanish)</li> <li>• FAQs</li> <li>• Bronze Award Virtual Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cadette Journeys</li> </ul> On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Girl Scout Cadettes (also in Spanish)</li> <li>• Silver Award Proposal and Final Report forms</li> <li>• Troop/Group Volunteer Guide</li> <li>• Community mapping activity</li> <li>• FAQs</li> <li>• Silver Award Virtual Training</li> <li>• Cadette Workbook for Earning Your Silver Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior or Ambassador Journeys</li> <li>• Go Gold Online—GSUSA Gold Award web app</li> </ul> On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (also in Spanish)</li> <li>• Troop/Group Volunteer Guide and Project Advisor Guide</li> <li>• Guide to Going Gold</li> <li>• FAQs</li> <li>• Gold Award Virtual Training</li> </ul>
How are girls recognized?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls are invited to the Council Young Women of Distinction Celebration in the spring. The deadline to be recognized is February 1. Any projects with final reports received after February 1 will be recognized the following year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls are invited to the Council Young Women of Distinction Celebration in the spring. The deadline to be recognized is February 1. Any projects with final reports received after February 1 will be recognized the following year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls are invited to the Council Young Women of Distinction Celebration in the spring. The deadline to be recognized is February 1. Any projects with final reports received after February 1 will be recognized the following year.</li> </ul>

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