



Quick Guide: Gold Award

Before you begin: All Girl Scouts are required to either earn their Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador journey OR complete two Senior or Ambassador journeys before working on the Gold Award.

Who: Girl Scout Seniors & Ambassadors

What: Girl Scouts' highest award for Seniors and Ambassadors!

When: Complete prior to September 30th of the year you graduate High School

- How:**
1. Complete the required Gold Award training on gslearn or attend a training workshop
 2. Brainstorm your Take Action project idea, consult your troop leader and select a project advisor
 3. Submit your Gold Award Proposal through GoGold Online
 4. Work with your Gold Award Panel Mentor to prepare for presentation
 5. Present your Proposal to the Gold Award Panel and receive decision letter
 6. Once your proposal is approved, complete your Take Action project
 7. Submit your Gold Award Final Report through GoGold Online
 8. You've earned your gold Award!

Find the Gold Award Guidelines and other resources on our Council website:www.gscnc.org/goldaward



Gold Award Process Overview

Before you Begin: Complete the Prerequisites

If you earned your Silver Award, you'll need to complete 1 Senior or Ambassador Journey. No Silver Award? You'll need to complete 2 Senior or Ambassador Journeys (FYI-Girls may complete any of the ten available Journeys). Discover, Connect and Take Action! with the skills you learned completing your Journey. The Journey will help you build the courage, confidence, and character you need to make a lasting impact in your community. It also helps you learn how to take the lead and work collaboratively as a member of your team.

Step One: Chose an Issue

What concerns you? Is it students with disabilities? Animal cruelty? What about social justice and equity? Whatever you want to change about the world around you, focus on that. What you care about influences your behavior and how you interact with your environment and with others.

Step Two: Investigate

Research everything you can about the issue. Identify the national and/or global links to your community issue. Use a variety of sources to gather information and evaluate the reliability and accuracy of all your sources. What you learn may challenge your own beliefs and the beliefs of others-and that's OK!

Step Three: Get Help

Invite others to support and take action with you. Build a team and recruit a project advisor who will bring special knowledge and skills to your Take Action project. Seek out and recognize the value of the skills and strengths in others. Respect different points of view and styles of work. Think about who would be an asset to your project goals.

Step Four: Create a Plan

Use GoGold Online to submit your Gold Award proposal to the Gold Award Panel. View additional resources on our website, www.gscnc.org/goldaward.

Step Five: Present your Plan

Once you have submitted your plan through GoGold, you will be assigned a Gold Award Panel Mentor to help you get your proposal ready for presentation to the Gold Award Panel. Once you have worked with your mentor, you will present to the Gold Award Panel. You may not begin work on your project until you have been approved by the Gold Award Panel.

Step Six: Take Action

Keep records as you complete your project and if a task requires follow-up, write those items into the plan too. If a task takes more time than you planned, do not be discouraged. Great plans take time!

Step Seven: Educate & Inspire

Celebrate your accomplishment! You met the challenge and made a difference in your world! Demonstrate your courage and share your newly discovered information with the community.