

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital Silver Trefoil Award Updates

History

The GSCNC Silver Trefoil Award originated as the Little Flower Award, which was presented in memory of Senior Girl Scout Linda Curtis and was given for commendable service to GSCNC. In 1977, the award was expanded to include a wider spectrum of service, including government, international and council service hours. The award did not change materially between 1977 and 2009.

2010 Award Updates

The Silver Trefoil Award recognizes commendable service. Facing the realities of a larger council and changes to the Girl Scout program model, the Program Policies and Goals Committee studied the award and recommended revisions. No girl who has begun the award in the old pathway will lose the opportunity to apply those hours to the updated Award requirements.

Changes

	Silver Trefoil before	Silver Trefoil now
Eligibility	Girl must complete 100 hours of service	Girl must complete 100 hours of service
	Girl may earn 50 hours as a Cadette; award is completed as a Senior.	Girl may earn 50 hours as a Cadette; award is completed as a Senior or Ambassador.
Process	Girl identifies path to earning the award	Girl sets personal goals and reasons to earn the award. She works collaboratively with troop and/or advisor to plan pathway, understanding that it might change along the way.
	Girl logs service	Girl logs service hours, redefines personal goals as she bridges to next program level, and reflects on how her service fits into the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
	Girl submits form to council	Girl submits form to council.
Type of eligible service hours	25 Government hours, with minimum of 15 federal service hours.	25 National Service hours, including minimum of 10 federal, state or local government hours; 5 local service hours and 5 green service hours.
	25 International hours, serving international community in region only.	25 Global Service hours, including minimum of 10 international hours, which can serve international community anywhere, and 10 multicultural service hours to explore other cultures.
	50 Girl Scout Community hours, with minimum of 10 Council Service hours.	50 Girl Scout Community Service hours, with minimum of 15 Council Service hours, and 25 Association/Service Unit/Troop Service hours