

## Gold Award Panel Proposal Options

When turning in your Gold Award proposal you have two options:

### In-Person Presentation Process

- Turn in your proposal to GSCNC by **5:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month**. You can use mail, email or drop it off in person. If the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month is on a weekend, the deadline is 5 pm on the next business day (usually Monday). Please note that this is a firm deadline, as the proposals are then sent to volunteers throughout our council.
- Look at the five panel locations and meeting dates (information available at [www.gscnc.org/GAP.html](http://www.gscnc.org/GAP.html)) and **decide which panel meeting** works best for you.
- Register for a **20 minute presentation** timeslot at [www.gscnc.org/GAP.html](http://www.gscnc.org/GAP.html). Registration is first come, first served. You can register up to 4 weeks before your interview, and registration closes by 5:00 pm on the 1st of the month.
- Arrive at your presentation **10 minutes early**. Relax, take a deep breath, and prepare to enjoy the presentation and discussion. You will want to bring a copy of your proposal and your Gold Award Toolkit with you for reference. Girls on Pathway B who are working on group projects should note that they will be given individual interviews.
- You should be prepared to give a **“15 second pitch”** for your project. After your pitch, the two to three Gold Award Panel members you meet with will ask you questions about your project, and you’ll have the opportunity to discuss the project together. Remember - you don’t need to be perfect! The Panel members want you to earn the Gold Award, and will be excited to find out what you want to do, and why you want to do it!
- At the end of the interview, you will be assigned a **Gold Award Panel mentor** who will be able to answer any questions you have as you continue to work on your proposal and as you begin your project.
- You will receive a **letter** no more than seven days after the interview detailing your proposal’s status. The Panel will give you helpful suggestions as to what you need to do to gain approval, or will let you know that your project has been approved.

### Proposal-Only Process

- Turn in your proposal to GSCNC by 5:00 pm on the **1<sup>st</sup> of the month**. You can use mail, email or drop it off in person. If the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month is on a weekend, the deadline is 5 pm on the next business day (usually Monday).
- GSCNC will send your proposal to one of the **five regional panels**.
- Your proposal will be reviewed at the Gold Award Panel’s meeting. You will receive a letter no more than 7 days after the meeting stating your proposal’s status. You will also be assigned a **Gold Award Panel mentor** who will be able to answer any questions you have as you continue to work on your proposal and as you begin your project.
- **Please Note:** While choosing not to have an in-person presentation **will not affect** the Gold Award Panel’s decision when they read your proposal, it does mean that you will be communicating with the Panel in writing rather than in person, so that the process will take more time. The opportunity to respond to the Panel’s questions and concerns in person may also help them understand your proposal better. **The Panel strongly encourages girls to schedule an in-person presentation.**