

# **National Leadership and Mentoring Awards**

## for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

Are your teen Girl Scouts looking for more opportunities to showcase their leadership skills, work with younger girls and perform service? The National Leadership and Mentoring Awards are a great place to start! The National Leadership and Mentoring awards are *girl-managed* and *leader-approved*.

The complete requirements for all of these awards can be found in the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for the Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador levels, which can be purchased at the Girl Scout Shop.

#### **Cadette Girl Scouts**

#### Silver Torch

This award can be earned by a Cadette Girl Scout who completes a Cadette Leadership Journey at their current level, including the Take Action Project. The Girl Scout must also serve a full term in a leadership position in a place of her choice. Once complete, leaders approve and award the pin.

#### Leader in Action (LiA)

The Leader in Action award is earned by a Girl Scout Cadette who helps a Brownie troop or group work on any of the three Leadership Journeys. The complete requirements for earning the Leader in Action award can be found in any of the Brownie Journey Leader guides.

#### Program Aide (PA)

The Program Aide pin is earned by a Girl Scout Cadette who earns one LiA award and then completes a Council-designed leadership course. After completing these first two steps, girls will need to work with younger girls over six sessions. These sessions are in addition to those done for the LiA award.

## **Senior Girl Scouts**

#### Silver and Gold Torch

This award can be earned by a Senior Girl Scout who completes a Senior Leadership Journey, including the Take Action Project. The Girl Scout must also serve a full term in a leadership position in a place of her choice. Once complete, leaders approve and award the pin.

### Counselor in Training (CIT) I

To earn this award, an Ambassador Girl Scout mentors younger girls in a camp setting for one session. The CIT I award requires completion of a Council-designed leadership course. Girls interested in earning the CIT I award, should contact the Camping Department for more information at (202) 534-3793 or <a href="mailto:campingaa@gscnc.org">campingaa@gscnc.org</a>.

### **Volunteer in Training (VIT)**

To earn this award, a Senior Girl Scout mentors a younger girl troop outside of a camp experience. For more information about the VIT, contact the Program Department at (202) 274-2170.

#### **Ambassador Girl Scouts**

#### **Gold Torch**

This award can be earned by an Ambassador Girl Scout who completes an Ambassador Leadership Journey, including the Take Action Project. The Girl Scout must also serve a full term in a leadership position in a place of her choice or on the Girl Scout Board of Directors. Once complete, leaders approve and award the pin.

#### Counselor in Training (CIT) I

To earn this award, an Ambassador Girl Scout mentors younger girls in a camp setting for one session. The CIT I award requires completion of a Council-designed leadership course. Girls interested in earning the CIT I award, should contact the Camping Department for more information at (202) 534-3793 or <a href="mailto:campingaa@gscnc.org">campingaa@gscnc.org</a>.

#### Counselor in Training (CIT) II

To earn this award, an Ambassador Girl Scout first completes the CIT I award. The girl then mentors younger girls in a camp setting for one session, while focusing on increasing her skills in a particular area such as archery or lifeguarding skills. Girls interested in earning the CIT II award, should contact the Camping Department for more information at (202) 534-3793 or campingaa@gscnc.org.

### **Volunteer in Training (VIT)**

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## All Levels—Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

### **Community Service Bars**

This award can be earned at every level, Cadettes to Ambassadors. Girls provide at least 20 hours of community service to the same organization. Leaders should approve the organization and type of service being provided. Girls track their own hours and the leader approves and awards the pin.

### Service to Girl Scouting Bars

This award can be earned at every level, Cadettes to Ambassadors. Girls provide at least 20 hours of community service to Girl Scouting, at the Troop, Service Unit, Association or Council-level. Girls track their own hours and the leader approves and awards the pin.

## A Note About the Community Service Bars and the Silver Trefoil

Girls in our Council have a unique opportunity to earn the Silver Trefoil. Hours earned for the Community Service and Service to Girl Scouting bars CANNOT be counted towards the Silver Trefoil Award. Girls must complete <u>separate</u> hours to earn each award. If girls earn both bars at each program level and their Silver Trefoil, they will contribute over 200 hours of service to Girl Scouting and their local communities. Look what a Girl Scout can do! <u>www.gscnc.org/silvertrefoil</u>

For more information about these awards, and the requirements to earn them, please see the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for the appropriate level.