

Earning Your Girl Scout Gold Award

Earning your Gold Award is a challenging and rewarding experience. In order to make it your best experience possible, it is important that you follow some rules and guidelines established by Girl Scouts Nation's Capital to be sure that you and any participants or volunteers supporting your project are safe during your project.

This pamphlet is designed to help you think about the safety needs of your project and understand how you can earn money or request in-kind donations of goods or supplies to support the completion of your Gold Award project.

If you have additional questions or concerns, talk to your troop advisor, Project Advisor, assigned Gold Award Panel Mentor, or email the Teen Program Specialist at goldaward@gscnc.org.



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Volunteer Essentials:

The Gold Award Basics

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Why All the Rules?

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout can earn. You're taking the lead and showing younger girls and your community that you can make a difference in your community.

Girls earning the Gold Award are required to follow the same rules and guidelines as other Girl Scout volunteers. Each Council, including Girl Scouts Nation's Capital, has rules and guidelines for adult volunteers to follow in order to make sure every girl in a troop or at an event is having a positive and healthy experience.

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital has established rules for:

- ◆ Money-earning
- ◆ Girl-to-adult ratios
- ◆ Prohibited activities
- ◆ Permission slips
- ◆ Travel safety
- ◆ And more!



As a Girl Scout, you must follow these rules, too.

Money

For Gold Award girls, money-earning can be daunting, but there are certain rules and guidelines you must follow:

- ◆ Girl Scout girls **can** make direct request for monetary donations through the GSCNC approved crowd-funding website, GiveCampus.
- ◆ Girl Scout girls **can** make requests for donations of in-kind goods and supplies. For example, if you need lumber and nails to build a bird habitat, you can request donations of lumber from a home improvement store, like Lowe's or Home Depot. If the store offers a gift card instead of the actual supplies, you are allowed to accept.



- ◆ You may also participate in individual money-earning to get funds to support the completion of your Gold Award project. For example, a car wash or a bake sale would be appropriate if additional money is needed.

The information in this brochure is a brief synopsis of the complete **Volunteer Essentials**. For complete information about money-earning and safety, a digital copy of **Volunteer Essentials** can be found here: www.gscnc.org/publications. If in doubt, ask your troop advisor. They are experts!

Safety

Depending on the type of project that you choose to do, you will need to follow certain safety rules and precautions to ensure the safety of you, your volunteers, and any participants you may have. Each Girl Scout level, from Daisies to Ambassadors, has an adult-to-child safety ratio that needs to be followed. Make sure you refer to specific Activity Checkpoints (found in **Volunteer Essentials**) in relation to your project topic.



For some activities, you may need:

- ◆ Permission slips
- ◆ Photo releases
- ◆ To let parents know that your event/program could address sensitive issues
- ◆ A first-aid certified adult present
- ◆ If in doubt, ask your troop advisor. They are experts!

If you're unsure, contact the Program Department staff:

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