



Gold Award Checklist

Girl Scouts, please follow the steps below along with your leader or advisor.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Senior or Ambassador can achieve. Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award involves the time to complete a Girl Scout Journey and then a suggested minimum of 80 hours.

Before you start, make sure the following are true/complete:

- You are currently in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12
- You are a registered Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout
- You have completed one Senior Journey (started as a Senior) or Ambassador Journey (started as an Ambassador) in addition to your Silver Award or **two** Girl Scout Journeys (Senior or Ambassador). (You do not need to have a Silver Award to earn a Gold Award).
- Adult Project Advisor
- Visit girlscoutshcc.org/goldaward to review the steps and guides for girls and advisors

Girl Scout Gold Award Steps:

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Choose an issue

- Use your values and skills to identify a community issue you care about

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Investigate it thoroughly

- Research everything you can about the issue

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Get help and build your team!

- Invite others to support and take action with you
- Find an advisor or project committee who is an expert in your topic. She/he may be from outside Girl Scouts

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Create a plan

- Create a project plan that achieves sustainable and measurable impact

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Present your plan and gather feedback

- Submit a Gold Award Proposal through girlscouts.org/gogoldonline

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Take Action

- Take the lead to carry out your plan

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Educate and Inspire

- Tell your story and share your results
- Submit a final report to council no later than September 30 after graduating high school
- Submit by March 20th to be eligible to participate in that year's "Girls Who Inspire" Ceremony

Gold Award projects should:

- **Be sustainable.** That means long lasting, so someone can continue the project once the girls have completed it!
- **Be based on your interests and passion to make the world a better place.**
- **Address a need** - in your community, nationally or globally
- **Reach beyond Girl Scouting to make the world a better place**
- **Be completed individually** with the help of a project advisor.