

## Golden Sunflower Girl Scout Service Unit Policies and Procedures for Silver Award Grants

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**Goal of the Grants Program:** To encourage girls from the Golden Sunflower Service Unit to go for the Silver Award.

**Eligibility:** Individual girls who have had their Silver Award plans approved by their Leader/Advisor. While the grants are not necessarily based on need, need could certainly be taken into consideration, particularly if requests exceed available funds in a given year.

**Timelines:** Year-round application process with interview and decision within 4 weeks of request.

**Silver Award Grant Application Process:** (requests to Carla Lehn, Golden Sunflower Service Unit Treasurer: [carlalehn@gmail.com](mailto:carlalehn@gmail.com))

Once your Silver Award receives Council Approval, please submit proof of approval plus our Service Unit's Silver Award Application & Timeline form, as well as the Budget form.

1. **All applications** should include a cover letter requesting a specific dollar amount (not to exceed \$50), and statement of willingness to make a brief report on her project at the Service Unit Bridging and Awards Ceremony in June if award granted. (Assuming event is held.)
2. Attend Grant interview. (professional attire please)

**\*\* Special Note to Silver Award Earners** – Local Silver Award earners have learned that if you submit your Silver Award report before you are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, you will not be able to list it on college applications. These girls suggest that even if you have completed it, do not submit it to the Council until your second day of 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the earliest.

### **Interview Process**

**Purpose of Interview:** Provide a professional interview experience with individuals who understand the goals of the program and skills that may be gained, but who do not personally know the girls being interviewed. (Panelists will recuse themselves if they know one of the applicants.)

**Three member Interview panel:**

- A previous Silver or Gold Award recipient
- A member of the Service Team not currently leading a Cadette, Senior or Ambassador troop.
- A Brownie or Junior Leader (to expose them to these older girl opportunities)

**Possible Interview Questions:**

1. Why did you select this project?
2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. What will you use service unit funds for? And did you seek other sources of funds in the community?
4. How will this money make a difference for your project?

**Purpose of Presentation at Service Unit Bridging and Awards Ceremony:**

Provides a way to showcase Silver Awards opportunities to younger girls, their leaders and parents, so they can see what lies ahead for them when they become older Girl Scouts.

At the Bridging Ceremony, Gold and Silver Award Recipients and Destinations Participants may be asked to make a brief presentation (5 – 10 minutes each).