



Silver Award Checklist

For troop leaders, advisors, family, and friends guiding Girl Scouts through the Silver Award process.

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette can achieve. Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award involves the time to complete a journey and then a suggested minimum of 50 hours.

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

- Girl(s) are currently in grades 6, 7, or 8.
- Girl(s) have completed a Cadette Journey.
- Girl(s) and guiding adult(s) are registered Girl Scouts.
- Visit [girlscoutsiowa.org > About > Highest Awards > Silver Award](https://girlscoutsiowa.org/About/HighestAwards/SilverAward) to download the girl and adult guidelines.

Girl Scout Silver Award Steps:

1. Girls identify an issue they care about.
2. Build your Girl Scout Silver Award team or decide to go solo.
 - Go through girl guidelines with all the girls participating.
 - Encourage friends, family and the community to get involved.
3. Explore your community!
4. Pick your Silver Award project.
 - Submit [Silver Award Project Proposal](#).
 - Please allow 4 weeks for review by Higher Awards Committee.
 - Receive approval or revisions from Higher Awards Committee before moving on.
5. Develop your project.
 - Submit [Money Earning Project Application](#) if applicable.
6. Put your plan into motion.
 - Be sure to take photos of your project!
7. Reflect, share your story, and celebrate!
 - Submit your [Silver Award Final Report](#), including photos.

Silver Award projects should:

- **Be sustainable.** That means long-lasting, so someone can continue the project once the girls have completed it!
- **Be girl-led.** That means based on the girls' interests and passions!
- **Address a need in community.**
- Reach beyond Girl Scouting to **make the world a better place.**
- **Be completed individually or in small groups of 3-4 girls.**

- Purchase Silver Award pins.
 - If your *Silver Award Final Report* is turned in before Feb 1, the project will be honored at an annual Circle of Excellence event with a certificate for all girls.
- Celebrate with your troop and service unit!

Questions about the Silver Award? Contact us at info@gsiowa.org!