



Girl Scout 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 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 a Senior or Ambassador Journey.
 - If you did not earn your Silver Award, you must complete **two** Girl Scout Journeys.
- Adults guiding you through Gold Award are registered adult Girl Scouts.
- Visit girlscoutsiova.org > About > Highest Awards > Gold Award and review the steps and guides.
- Attend Girl Scout Gold Award training via conference call, along with your leader or project advisor. Visit the [Events page](#) on our website for more information.
- Register on the Girl Scout Go Gold [website](#).

Girl Scout Gold Award Steps

1. Identify an issue. Girls use their values and skills to choose a *community or global issue* that they care about.
2. Investigate it thoroughly.
 - Girls use their sleuthing skills to learn everything they can about the issue they've identified.
3. Get help and build your team.
 - Each girl forms a team to support her efforts and help her take action.
 - Find an advisor or project committee who is an expert in your topic. He/she may be from outside of Girl Scouts.
4. Create a plan.
 - She identifies the root cause of an issue, and then creates a plan to tackle it. This is where a girl may decide to benefit the Girl Scout community, if Girl Scouts or a Girl Scout facility is the most logical beneficiary of the project. That decision should not happen

Gold Award projects should:

- **Be sustainable.** How will this project continue after you are done?
- **Be based on your interests and passion to make the world a better place.**
- **Address a need** – in your community, national or globally.
- **Be completed individually,** with the help of a project advisor.
- **Put the Girl Scout Promise and Law into action.**
- **Inspire others!**

before this step.

5. Present your plan and gather feedback.
 - Submit Gold Award Proposal through the [Go Gold website](#).
 - Please allow 4 weeks for review by Higher Awards Committee.
 - Receive approval or revisions from Higher Awards Committee before moving on.
 - Submit [***Money Earning Project Application***](#) if applicable.
6. Take Action.
 - Girls take the lead, manage their teams and carry out the plan.
7. Educate and inspire.
 - Each Gold Award Girl Scout tells her story and shares her results, while ensuring that her project will have lasting impact.
 - Submit Gold Award Final Report utilizing Go Gold [website](#).
 - Please allow 4 weeks for review by Higher Awards Committee.
 - *If turned in before Feb 1, your project will be honored at an annual Circle of Excellence event.
 - Receive your Gold Award pin from Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa (GSGI).
 - Celebrate with your troop and service unit.
 - Gold Award Girl Scouts will be invited to apply for nomination by GSGI for National Gold Award Girl Scouts.

Questions about the Gold Award? Contact info@gsiowa.org!