



Girl Scout 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 to download the girl and adult guidelines.

Girl Scout Silver Award Steps:

1. Girls identify an issue they care about. Girls first consider issues they are passionate about in their community, school, or world that they would like to impact.
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! Girls think about how the issues they are considering are impacting the community. In this step they also are learning about community partners and community solutions that they can use to address their issue.
4. Pick your Silver Award project. Girls pick their issue, what they want to do about the issue and who their audience or beneficiary will be. *This is the step* where girls working on their Silver Award will decide if their best audience is the Girl Scout community or if the project they are doing is best done at a Girl Scout facility – not before.
 - Submit [Silver Award Project Proposal](#).

Silver Award projects should:

- **Make a difference** in the local community, region, or beyond.
- **Be sustainable.** How will this project continue after you are done?
- **Be girl-led.** That means based on the girls' interests and passions!
- **Put the Girl Scout Promise and Law into action.**
- **Be completed individually or in small groups of 3-4 girls.**
- **Inspire others!**

- 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. Girls determine the steps to their project and who will lead each step.
- Submit [***Money Earning Project Application***](#) if applicable.
6. Make a plan and put it into motion. Girls take leadership and complete their project.
- Be sure to take photos of your project!
7. Reflect, share your story, and celebrate!
- Submit your [***Silver Award Final Report***](#), including photos. Please allow 4 weeks for review by the Higher Awards Committee.
 - 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!