



There is no better place than Girl Scouts for a girl to develop her leadership skills and achieve awards! Girl Scouts connects girls with award opportunities at all levels, starting with our youngest leaders – Girl Scout Daisies in kindergarten, all the way through high school seniors – Girl Scout Ambassadors. Check out the awards below for Girl Scouts in grades K-12.

Find more information about available awards in Girl Scout grade level handbook and guide!

Note: Each time you earn one of these awards, it should be earned for a distinct project and you can only count the hours towards one Girl Scout award.

HIGHEST AWARDS

These are the highest awards a girl can earn in Girl Scouts. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards incorporate mentoring, service, and leadership!

GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD

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The Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior (grades 4-5) can earn. Girl Scouts can work with their troop, in a small group, or as an individual to earn their Bronze Award. Girl Scouts must complete one Junior level Journey before working towards their Bronze Award.

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD

The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette (grades 6-8) can earn. Girl Scouts can work in a small group or as an individual to earn their Silver Award. Girl Scouts must complete one Cadette level Journey before working towards their Silver Award.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Senior (grades 9-10) or Ambassador (grades 11-12) can earn. A Girl Scout can work towards this award as an individual once they have completed two Senior or Ambassador level Journeys OR has earned the Silver Award and completed one Senior or Ambassador Journey.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

BRONZE CROSS

This Lifesaving Award is given to a Girl Scout who has shown extraordinary heroism or risked their life to save another's. Contact the council to request guidelines and an application.

MEDAL OF HONOR

This Lifesaving Award is given to a Girl Scout who has shown presence of mind and true Girl Scout spirit in an emergency. Contact the council to request guidelines and an application.

AWARDS FOR ALL GIRL SCOUT LEVELS

JOURNEY SUMMIT AWARD

This award can be earned at all levels by completing three Journeys for your Girl Scout level.

MY PROMISE,

MY FAITH Girls of all levels can earn one award each year as they explore the connection between Girl Scouts and their faith.

SAFETY AWARD

Each Girl Scout level has its own set of requirements to learn how to stay safe at home, school, and in their community.

BRIDGING AWARD

Girl Scouts earn this award by completing two steps. Pass It On – to share what they've learned with younger Girl Scouts. And Look Ahead – to learn from older Girl Scouts about what great things will be happening in their next years of Girl Scouts.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

COOKIE ENTREPRENEUR FAMILY PIN

Girl Scouts can earn this pin each year by completing age-specific requirements to develop the five cookie program skills.

WORLD THINKING DAY AWARD

Girl Scouts can earn this award each year by completing the age-specific requirements. Each year has a different theme and activity guide.

GLOBAL ACTION AWARD

Girl Scouts can learn more about our world and how they can make a better future for everyone. Each year has a different theme and activity guide.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP RECOGNITION PIN

Girl Scouts living overseas do activities to encourage international friendship to earn this award.

MENTORING AWARDS

LEADER IN ACTION

Cadettes earn the Leader in Action Award

by assisting Brownies to complete a

Journey.

JUNIOR AIDE

Girl Scout Juniors can earn this mentoring award by making and completing a plan to work with Daisies or Brownies on one of their Journey Awards.

VOLUNTEER-IN-TRAINING

Seniors and Ambassadors can earn this mentoring award by working with an adult volunteer mentor for 3-4 months, then create and implement a program for younger Girl Scouts to earn a Journey or badge.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING I

Seniors build skills toward becoming a camp counselor and earn this award by mentoring younger Girl Scouts in a camp setting.

CADETTE PROGRAM AIDE

Cadettes earn this mentoring award by earning one LiA Award, completing the GSGI Program Aide training, and working directly with younger girls over six activity sessions.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING II

Ambassadors who have earned the CIT I award focus on increasing their skills in one specific area, such as lifeguarding or the arts, and earn this award by working with younger Girl Scouts in a camp setting.

NATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

SILVER TORCH AWARD

This award recognizes Cadettes who act as leaders in their community. Cadettes must complete one Journey award and serve for one full term in a leadership position.

GOLD & SILVER TORCH AWARD

This award recognizes Seniors who act as leaders in their community. Seniors must complete one Journey award and serve for one full term in a leadership position.

GOLD TORCH AWARD

This award recognizes Ambassadors who act as leaders in their community. Ambassadors must complete one Journey award and serve for one full term in a leadership position.

SERVICE TO GIRL SCOUTING BAR

Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts can earn this award by making a difference in the Girl Scout community. Girl Scouts work with the Girl Scout council to complete 20 hours of service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BAR

Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts can earn this award by making a difference in their communities. Girl Scouts choose a community organization to work with, receive instructions, and complete at least 20 hours of service.

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