

Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards at a Glance

Remember that this is only a brief overview of the new requirements. A group of GSSJC volunteers and staff have already begun meeting to develop a plan of action and a timeline to help roll out the changes to our membership in a well-thought-out, orderly fashion. We will keep you informed about the specifics of those plans as they are developed.

AWARDS	GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD®	GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD®	GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD®
GRADE	Girls must be in 4th or 5th grades and a registered Girl Scout Junior	Girls must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grades and a registered Girl Scout Cadette	Girls must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete a Junior Journey ✓ Be part of a Troop or Group where girls take the lead ✓ Take action on a community issue the troop or group cares about ✓ Help and guidance provided by Troop/Group Volunteer <p>Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material *Council approval needed for any money earning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete a Cadette Journey ✓ Work as an individual or in a small group where girls take the lead ✓ Take action on a community issue that the girls care about ✓ Help and guidance provided by Troop/Group Volunteer <p>Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material *Council approval needed for any money earning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) or Earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey ✓ Individually girl led; girl selects and recruits Project Advisor ✓ Take action on a community issue the girl cares about ✓ Help and guidance provided by Project Advisor <p>Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material *Council approval needed for any money earning</p>
TAKE ACTION PROJECT	<p>Group Take Action Project focuses on something the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community.</p> <p>Puts the Promise and Law into action</p>	<p>Individual or group Take Action Project that makes the local neighborhood or community better.</p> <p>Puts the Promise and Law into action</p>	<p>Individual Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond.</p> <p>Puts the Promise and Law into action</p>
SUSTAINABLE	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting.	Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.	Take Action Project includes provisions to ensure sustainability.
GLOBAL	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve.	Girls connect with new friends outside their immediate community, learn how others have solved similar problems, and determine if the ideas of others can help with their plan.	Girls identify national and/or global links to their selected issue. They learn from others and develop a plan to share the results of their project beyond the local community.
PROJECT APPROVAL	Troop/Group Volunteer	Troop/Group Volunteer	Council or Council's Gold Award Committee

RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Journey • Bronze Award guidelines on GSUSA website • Adult guide on GSUSA website • Council guide on the OCN • Council learning opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadette Journey • Silver Award guidelines on GSUSA website • Adult guide on GSUSA website • Council guide on the OCN • Council learning opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior and/or Ambassador Journeys • Gold Award guidelines on GSUSA website • Adult guide on GSUSA website • Council guide on the OCN • Council learning opportunities
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***Adhere to guidelines in the Volunteer Packet and Safety-Wise.**

TRANSITION: THERE IS A 2-YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD. THESE GUIDELINES BECOME OFFICIAL IN OCTOBER 2011 (2011/2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). IF THE MAJORITY OF WORK WILL BE DONE DURING THE 2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR, THESE NEW GUIDELINES SHOULD BE USED.