

GSUSA Cadette or Senior or Ambassador Community Service Bar

National Leadership Award

This award is earned by making a difference in the community and practicing the values of the Girl Scout Law. It serves as a way for girls to get involved with a cause they care about, learn new skills, share their talents and help others.

Steps to request the required approval for your site

1. Review the *Cadette or Senior or Ambassador Community Service Bar* award requirements. Details are in the program level *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, page 26, Girl Scout Cadette; page 28, Girl Scout Senior and page 26, Girl Scout Ambassador.
2. Explore your community for organizations whose work or mission is of interest to you.
3. With a parent, guardian or trusted adult, learn more about the selected organizations through brochures, websites, or informal conversations, i.e. is there is a local office? What service opportunities are available for your age level? What skills will you need to bring with you or can you learn on the job?
4. Review the GSUSA Safety Activity Checkpoints as related to the service.
<http://www.gssjc.org/content/dam/gssjc/documents/pdfs-for-website/SafetyActivityCheckpoints.pdf>
5. If you locate an organization where you would like to earn this award, girls request Site Approval using F-496.
6. We prefer you to email a digital copy of the editable form in to be reviewed. If email is not an option, you can still mail the form to the main office. See the form for the address.
7. Girls are notified by e-mail with site approval or questions within three (3) weeks of receiving it.
 - a. Please ensure the email address will accept emails from sjgs.org
8. **Once approved**, girls make formal arrangements with the organization.
9. If type of service or agency changes, please resubmit Site Approval Request.
10. Once service is completed, show e-mail approval for purchase privilege of the Community Service Bar award at the council Girl Scout Shops.



Once approved, girl leadership steps can include

- Contact organization formally in a professional manner.
- Meet with the appropriate staff or volunteers, wearing item to show Girl Scout affiliation.
- Attend and complete any required trainings by the organization.
 - GSUSA guidelines prohibit girls from earning money for other organizations
- Fulfill the minimum of 20 hours service.
- Thank the organization for this opportunity.

Share your experience

Share your service to inspire others. Share photos or video and be sure to secure appropriate releases for all people included. Share with the Council Marketing/Communications Department to be considered for council publications and social media. Check with your leader, service unit, or your local GSSJC Press Corps representative to share your experience with local media.

Site Approval Request

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Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Email completed form to GSCommServ@sjgs.org or mail a clearly printed form to: GSUSA Community Service Project Site Approval Request, GSSJC Girl Experience Department, 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098.

Please allow three (3) weeks for review.

Candidate Information

Requested Info	Response
Girl Scout's Name	
Street address	
City, State, ZIP	
Email address*	
Home or cell phone	
Girl Scout Program Level (Cadette, Senior or Ambassador)	
Grade	
Age	
Ethnicity**	
Teen Advisor	
Email address	
Home or cell phone	
Parent/Guardian	
Email address	
Home or cell phone	

*Account you check regularly. Ensure that a @sjgs.org email is accepted.

** Optional

Community Agency Information

Name of the Organization/Agency	
Date you wish to begin service	
Are you working directly or indirectly with your parent/leader for this service?	Yes No Comments:
Contact person's name at the location with whom you will be working	
Their email address	
Their phone and <i>extension number</i> please	
The location's website	
Street Address, City, State, ZIP	

Describe details of the service to be provided.

Use additional paper if needed. (Girl Scout cannot earn money for other organizations.)

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List the skills/talents and safety certifications you bring to the opportunity to ensure your safety and those with whom you are serving.

Skills	
Talents	
Certifications	

List the skills/talents and certifications you bring to the opportunity to complete the special activity/service.

Skills	
Talents	
Certifications	

List any new skills you may need to complete the service opportunity.

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What challenge(s) do you foresee while you prepare for your service/goal?

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What challenge(s) do you foresee while completing your service/goal?

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How do you plan to meet those challenge(s)?

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Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Save a copy of the completed form with your name and the date sent for your records.

GSSJC will:

1. Review organization.
2. Contact organization and/or adult listed.
3. Review intended service in view of safety.
4. Respond to applicant via email within three (3) weeks.

For office use only

Date Received: _____ Approval Status _____

