

Girl Scout Highest Awards at a Glance

AWARD	GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD®	GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD®	GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD®
GRADES	4 th or 5 th grade	6 th , 7 th , or 8 th grade	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade
PREREQUISITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be a registered Girl Scout JuniorEarn one Junior-level Leadership AwardComplete Bronze Award 101 training (required for Girl Scouts and their supervising adult)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be a registered Girl Scout CadetteEarn one Cadette-level Leadership Award OR have earned the Bronze Award.Complete Silver Award 101 training (required for Girl Scouts, highly recommended for adults)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be a registered Girl Scout Senior or Girl Scout AmbassadorEarn one Senior-level Leadership Award or one Ambassador-level Leadership Award OR have earned the Silver Award.Complete Gold Award 101 training (required for Girl Scouts, encouraged for adults)
MAIN IDEA	Girls work to create a solution to a local community problem.	Girls work to create a sustainable solution to a local community problem.	Girls work to create a measurably sustainable solution to a local community problem that also has a national or global link.
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Each girl involved needs to take the lead on at least one project component.Solution should address a root cause of the problem.Help and guidance are provided by the supervising adult/troop TA or GPM.Girls should invest a minimum of 20 hours <i>per girl</i> toward Bronze Award Project.Groups can be comprised of other Junior troop members or Juniors from another troop. There is no limit on group size, but more girls means a larger project. If no other Juniors desire to earn the Bronze, or if a Girl Scout is a Juliette, the Bronze Award can be earned individually.A Bronze Award Final Report is required once the project is complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All girls need to take the lead on most project components.Solution should address a root cause of the problem and be sustainable.Help and guidance are provided by the supervising adult/troop TA or GPM. Girls may also have a Project Advisor outside the troop if desired.A Silver Award Project Proposal is required once a plan is created but before work on the project actually begins.Girls should invest a minimum of 50 hours <i>per girl</i> toward Silver Award Project.Projects can be completed individually or in a small group (2-4 Cadettes).A Silver Award Final Report is required once the project is complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Girl needs to individually take the lead on all project components.Projects should be completed by an individual Girl Scout with a team of helpers.Solution should address a root cause of the problem and should be measurably sustainable. It should also have a larger national and/or global link.Help and guidance are provided by the Project Advisor. PA's cannot be a family member or troop volunteer.A Gold Award Proposal is required once a plan is created but before work on the project actually begins.Projects require pre-approval from the Gold Award Committee.Girls should invest a minimum of 80 hours toward Gold Award Project.A Gold Award Final Report is required once the project is complete.Projects require final approval from the Gold Award Committee.
FUNDING	<p>If a Bronze Award project requires funds or physical resources, Juniors may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use troop funds (with troop approval)Host a fundraising event (Council approval required)Solicit donations of physical resources (<i>not</i> monetary resources)	<p>If a Silver Award project requires funds or physical resources, Cadettes may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use troop funds (with troop approval)Host a fundraising event (Council approval required)Apply for the Joyce Maienschein Leadership GrantSolicit donations of physical resources (<i>not</i> monetary resources)	<p>If a Gold Award project requires funds or physical resources, Seniors and Ambassadors may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use troop funds (with troop approval)Host a fundraising event (Council approval required)Apply for the Joyce Maienschein Leadership GrantSolicit direct donations of monetary resources (use of online fundraising platforms is <i>not</i> permitted)Solicit donations of physical resources
<i>Any and all funds raised for a Highest Award project must be used solely for that project.</i>			
SUSTAINABILITY	Girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be long-lasting.	Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.	Girls design provisions to ensure sustainability in the project plan and apply these provisions to project implementation.
GLOBAL CONNECTION	Girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem their project helped resolve.	Girls connect with those 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.
DEADLINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Projects must be complete, including the final report, by September 30 of the year the oldest group member finishes 5th grade.To be celebrated at the council level that year, paperwork should be submitted by February 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Projects must be complete, including the final report, by September 30 of the year the oldest group member finishes 8th grade.To be celebrated at the council level that year, paperwork should be submitted by February 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Projects must be complete, including approval by the Gold Award Committee via interview, by September 30 of the year the girl graduates high school.To be celebrated at the council level that year and to be eligible to apply for the council scholarship, Gold Award must be earned by February 1 of the girl's senior year in high school.

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