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Quick Guide: Gold Award

Before you begin: All Girl Scouts must have either 1) earned their Silver Award, 2) earned a Senior/Ambassador Leadership Award, or 3) completed one Senior/Ambassador Journey before working on the Gold Award.

What is the Gold Award? The highest award a Girl Scout can earn!

Who can earn it? Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors

When to earn it? All Gold Award projects must be completed and approved before September 30 of the year you graduate high school (start at least one year before the deadline -- earlier is better!)

How do you earn it?

1. Submit the Gold Award Training Request Form
2. Complete the required training on GS Learn
3. Brainstorm your project idea, consult your troop leader, and select a project advisor
4. Attend an optional Gold Award Workshop if you need support developing your project (check the GSCO calendar for dates)
5. Submit your Gold Award Proposal through GoGold Online
6. Present your proposal to the Gold Award Committee
7. Once your proposal is approved, meet with your Gold Award Mentor regularly while you complete your project
8. Submit your Gold Award Final Report through GoGold Online
9. Present your Final Report to the Gold Award Committee
10. Celebrate! You've earned the Gold Award!

Find more Gold Award resources on the GSCO Gold Award Website

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Gold Award Process Overview

Before you Begin: Complete the Prerequisites

- If you earned your Silver Award, you do not need to complete any other prerequisites.
- If you did not earn your Silver Award, you can either complete a Senior/Ambassador Leadership Award or a Senior/Ambassador Journey.
- Submit the Gold Award Training Request Form
- Take the Gold Award training on GS Learn

Step One: Choose an Issue

What concerns you? Is it students with disabilities? Animal cruelty? Social justice and equity? Focus on what you want to change about the world around you.

Step Two: Investigate

Research everything you can about the issue. Identify the national or global links to your community issue. Use a variety of sources to gather information and evaluate the reliability and accuracy of all your sources. What you learn may challenge your own beliefs and the beliefs of others, and that's okay!

Step Three: Get Help

Invite others to support and take action with you. Build a team and recruit a project advisor who brings special knowledge and skills to your project. Seek out and recognize the value of the skills and strengths in others. Think about who would be an asset to your project goals.

Step Four: Create a Plan

Use GoGold Online to submit your Gold Award Proposal to the Gold Award Committee.

Step Five: Present your Plan

After you submit your proposal through GoGold, you will present it to the Gold Award Committee. Once your proposal is approved, you will be assigned a Gold Award Mentor to guide you as you execute your project. You cannot begin work on your project until it has been approved by the Gold Award Committee.

Step Six: Take Action

Keep records as you complete your project and if a task requires follow-up, write those items into the plan too. If a task takes more time than you planned, do not be discouraged. Great plans take time! Remember to check in with your Gold Award Mentor regularly during this time—they can help you if you encounter challenges.

Step Seven: Educate and Inspire

Celebrate your accomplishment! You met the challenge and made a difference in your world! Demonstrate your courage and share your newly discovered information with the community.

- You'll need to submit a final report through GoGold and then present your project to the Gold Award Committee for final approval.