girl scouts of colorado

Girl Scouts of Colorado – Gold Award Process FAQs

1. What are the prerequisites to get started on a Gold Award project?

- Must be a registered Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout
- Have either earned the Silver Award as a Cadette, earned one Senior or Ambassador Leadership Award, or have completed a Senior or Ambassador Journey.
- Must complete Gold Award training through gsLearn

2. How do Girl Scouts get started on their Gold Award in Colorado?

The first step is to submit the Gold Award Training Request Form. This will notify Girl Scouts of Colorado (GSCO) staff that the Girl Scout needs to be added to gsLearn and given access to the training.

3. How do Girl Scouts access Gold Award training?

Girl Scouts must submit the Gold Award Training Request Form to get access to the training in gsLearn. This form is linked to the top of the Gold Award webpage for Girls Scouts to access at any time. Once the form is submitted, they will receive an email with instructions for next steps. **Girl Scouts should allow up to one week after submitting the form to access gsLearn**

4. Can Girl Scouts start the training while they are working on the prerequisite?

Yes, Girl Scouts can take Gold Award training while finishing their prerequisite. Girl Scouts must complete the prerequisite prior to submitting their initial proposal in Go Gold. But they can complete the training, register for Go Gold, and start thinking about Gold Award project ideas while finishing their prerequisite.

5. What are the deadlines for earning the Gold Award?

- **September 30th** of the year they graduate high school = the hard deadline for completing the Gold Award (Final Report and Final Presentation must be approved by this date).
- **April 1st** = deadline to complete the Gold Award and be invited to that spring's in-person Highest Awards Celebrations (Final Report and Final Presentation must be approved by this date).

6. What are Gold Award Workshops?

Optional workshops to support Girl Scouts who have already taken the training in gsLearn but have not submitted their initial proposal. These may be hosted by Council staff, Gold Award mentors, or other GSCO volunteers who have earned Gold Award Certification. Workshops will be available to Girl Scouts starting in 2025 and will be posted on the GSCO calendar.

7. What is Gold Award Certification for volunteers?

Gold Award Certification is a new training path in gsLearn for volunteers working with Girl Scouts pursuing the Gold Award. **It will be available starting December 2024**. In order to receive certification, volunteers must complete the two courses in the "512 Highest Awards" Learning Path in gsLearn: **512 Gold Award eLearning** AND **512 Gold Award Adults,** then sign

an agreement. Once both courses are completed and the agreement is signed, GSCO will update your account to reflect your Gold Award Certification.

8. Who needs to complete Gold Award Certification?

All Gold Award Mentors and anyone who wants to host a Gold Award Workshop must complete Gold Award Certification. It is optional for everyone else, but it is highly recommended for troop leaders or other volunteers working with Girl Scouts pursuing the Gold Award.

9. I'm a volunteer. How do I complete Gold Award Certification?

The required courses are available to you in gsLearn. Log into gsLearn, then search for "**512 Highest Awards**" in the gsLearn Content Library. Select the Learning Path, and complete the following two courses:

- 512 Gold Award eLearning (this is the training course Girl Scouts take)
- 512 Gold Award Adults

You **do not need to complete any other courses listed there, such as 512 Bronze and Silver Awards*

The last item in the 512 Gold Award Adults course is a link to an agreement form. Once the agreement is signed, GSCO will update your account. As soon as you've completed all these steps, you can submit a calendar request to host a Gold Award Workshop (instructions for how to do this are included in the 512 Gold Award Adults course).

10. Is a Go Gold Online account required for Girl Scouts to earn the Gold Award?

Yes, submitting all materials (from proposal to final report) through the Go Gold Online platform is required in order for Girl Scouts to earn a Gold Award.

11. What if a Girl Scout can't log in to Go Gold Online, or it is not functioning for them?

Go Gold provides a username and password recovery function that Girl Scouts can use to log in. We always encourage girls to download copies of their work before submitting. If the website continues to not function correctly, please contact highestawards@gscolorado.org for assistance.

For questions about the process for earning a Gold Award in Colorado or project requirements, refer to the Gold Award webpage.

For questions about specific Gold Award projects or additional support, email highestawards@gscolorado.org.