

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

AWARDS	GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD®	GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD®	GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD®
GRADE	Girls must be in 4 th or 5 th grade and a registered Girl Scout Junior	Girls must be in 6 th , 7 th , or 8 th grade and a registered Girl Scout Cadette	Girls must be in 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade 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 ✓ Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material ✓ Council approval needed for any money earning* 	<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 ✓ Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material ✓ Council approval needed for any money earning* 	<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 ✓ Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material ✓ Council approval needed for any money earning*
TAKE ACTION PROJECT	Group Take Action Project focuses on something the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community. Puts the Promise and Law into action	Individual or group Take Action Project that makes the local neighborhood or community better. Puts the Promise and Law into action	Individual Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond. Puts the Promise and Law into action
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	Junior Journey Bronze Award guidelines on GSUSA Web site Adult guide on GSUSA Web site Council guide on the OCN Council learning opportunities	Cadette Journey Silver Award guidelines on GSUSA Web site Adult guide on GSUSA Web site Council guide on the OCN Council learning opportunities	Senior Ambassador Journeys Gold Award guidelines on GSUSA Web site Adult guide on GSUSA Web site Council guide on the OCN Council learning opportunities

*Adhere to guidelines in the Volunteer Packet and *Safety-Wise*

TRANSITION – There is a two-year transition period. Girls will have from summer 2009, when these new guidelines are released, through September 30, 2011 to transition to the new guidelines. The guidelines will become official on October 1, 2011 (beginning of the 2012 membership year). If a girl starts working on the award in 2011 and the majority of work will be done during the 2012 membership year, the new guidelines should be used.

Note – A complete listing of the requirements for all Girl Scouts Highest Awards can be found at www.girlscouts.org.