



Gold Award Key Points to Think About

Root Cause

- What is the change you intend to make?
- How will you ascertain that the change has been achieved?
- How will you document the implementation of the change?

Sustainable

- Secure commitment from the school, organization, or individual to sustain your efforts post-project completion.
- Develop and distribute resources such as a short video, online brochure, or binder to other schools or community organizations.

Global

- Extend the reach of your project beyond the local community to inspire others globally.
- Research global initiatives addressing similar issues and integrate these insights into your project.

Measurable

- Establish evaluations over time to demonstrate the desired changes.
- Define clear goals with quantifiable metrics for volunteers, participants, sessions, and the length of interaction with the target audience to measure impact.

Evaluations

- Monitor progress with your volunteers, participants, and project advisor.

Leadership

- Outline how you will lead a team or others in supporting your project and delegate responsibilities effectively.
- Collaborating with others enhances your leadership skills and amplifies your impact. You can enlist anyone—don't restrict yourself to just peers or Girl Scouts. Select committed volunteers who will help execute your project until completion.

Take Action vs. Service

- Taking Action involves understanding the root cause of an issue to develop a project that continually addresses the problem beyond mere community service, ensuring sustained impact after your contribution ends.

Basic Information



Important Dates

- Proposals and Final Reports: Submissions are due via GoGold Online by 5 pm on the first business day of each month.
- Gold Award Committee Meetings: Conducted on the second Tuesday of each month to evaluate submissions.
- April 1st: The final date to submit reports for participation in the current year's GSSD Gold Award Ceremony.
- September 1st after high school graduation: Absolute deadline for submitting final reports.

Getting Started with Gold Award Online Training

- Adults can access the Gold Award Online Training through the Content Library of gsLearn.

Gold Award Committee Mentor

- Assigned by Girl Scouts San Diego to guide Girl Scouts throughout the proposal approval and final report process.

Gold Award Project Advisor

- An expert selected by the Girl Scout in the project focus area, who is not a parent or troop leader.

Community Partner Letter

- A partner organization that agrees to assist must submit a letter on their official letterhead detailing the nature of their support. For example, the organization may offer the use of their facilities or provide content relevant to your project. This letter must be submitted in GoGold upon completion of Step 5 on GoGold, along with both the submission and final reports.
- You can log up to 20% of total project hours before approval.
- Preparation can include research, contacting venues/partners, and recruiting volunteers.
- Do not start implementing the project until approval.



Girl Scout Gold Award Checklist

PART 1: Getting Started

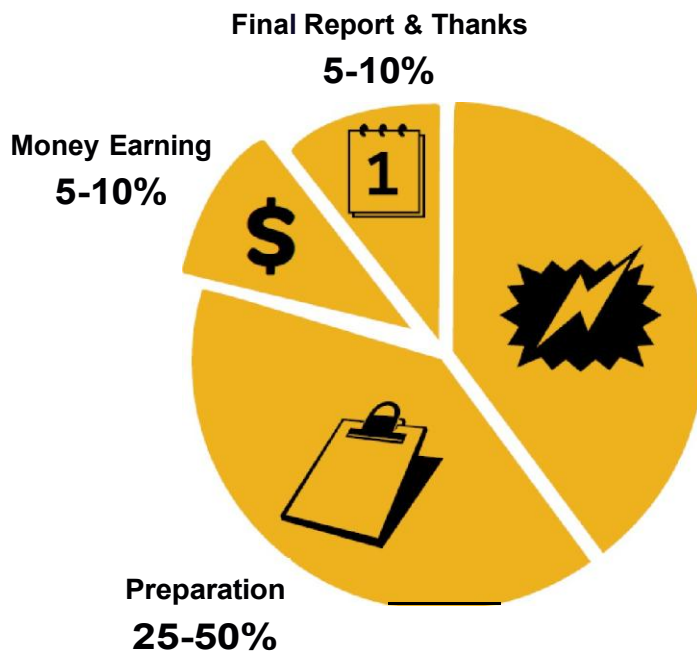
- Complete your Silver Award **OR** one Senior/Ambassador Journey **OR** One Leadership Award
- Take the Gold Award Online Training (request training if needed)
- Review "Your Guide to Going Gold"
- Create an account on GoGold
- Complete Steps 1-2 on GoGold

PART 2: Gold Award Proposal

- Complete Steps 2-5 on GoGold
- Identify the Root Cause
 - What is the change you want to make?
 - Identify a real community need with long-term benefits
 - Make sure you are passionate about the problem
- Research your topic
 - Use a variety of resources
 - Talk with peers, friends, family, and other adults
- Meet with your assigned Gold Committee Mentor
 - Keep communication lines open
- Find and secure a Community Partner organization
 - This organization will write you a letter of support for your Proposal and another for your Final Report
- Obtain a letter of support from your Community Partner



- Find an Advisor
 - Someone knowledgeable in your project's theme
 - Usually from your Community Partner, but can be another resource
 - Advisor will sign your project and write an evaluation at the end
- Set Measurable Goals
 - Examples: # of volunteers, # of participants, # of pamphlets, # of workshops, length of each workshop, data to show community impact
- Add a Global Element
 - Take your project outside your community or inspire others
 - Bring in global information or investigate how others worldwide address your issue
- Create Evaluations
 - For participants and volunteers
 - Evaluate during your project
 - Obtain evaluations from your Community Partner and Advisor for your Final Report
- Submit your proposal in GoGold Online
- Once you've submitted in GoGold Online, you will be assigned a GSSD Gold Award Committee mentor to review your proposal.
- Mentor reviews your proposal and submits for the Gold Committee meeting agenda
 - Committee meets monthly to review proposals and final reports
 - Submission deadline: first business day of each month
 - April 1st: Deadline to submit final report for that year's Gold Award Ceremony
 - September 1st of your HS graduation year: Last deadline to submit final reports
- Wait for Proposal Approval!



Implementation
25-50%

Implementation is the process of leading and performing the work you defined in your project proposal and making changes, when necessary, to achieve the project's goal.

How Much Time Does it Take?

Plan to spend at least 80 hours on the Gold Award project-that's the minimum. You'll keep track of your time in a log, making notes each time you work on your project. You can track your time on *GoGold Online*, or use an app, spreadsheet, or simply a notebook.

Something to remember: Your time log should include a short description of how you spent your time and the *actual time spent on the project*.

Time spent driving, getting gas, picking up volunteers, attending training, and other secondary activities don't count

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<p>Complete Prerequisites Either the Silver Award or a Leadership Award or a Journey</p> <p>Set up a GoGold account girlscoutsorg/gold online</p>	<p>Develop your project plan Login to <i>GoGold Online</i> and complete Steps 1-4.</p> <p>Discuss your plan with your Gold Award Committee mentor and project advisor.</p> <p>Present your plan. Login to <i>GoGold Online</i> and complete Step 5.</p>	<p>Take Action! Carry out your Gold Award project plan. Your project may take 4-months, depending on the time you spend and the nature of your project.</p> <p>Track your time and budget as you go. <i>GoGold Online</i> complete Step 6.</p> <p>Submit your Final report*. Login to <i>GoGold Online</i> and complete Step 7.</p>	<p>Celebrate! Attend the Girl Scouts San Diego Gold Award Ceremony in June.</p> <p>Note: Submit your Final Report by April 1 if you plan to attend.</p> <p>The last possible day to submit your Final Report is September 1 following graduation.</p>

* Proposal and final reports must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the first business day of the month.