

Girl Scout Silver Award Checklist

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Prerequisite

- ☐ I am a registered Girl Scout Cadette (in grades 6–8).
- ☐ I have finished a Bronze Award, Leadership Award, or Cadette Journey (Journeys are retiring October 1st, 2026).
- ☐ I know that I need to finish my project and submit paperwork by Sept 30th after 8th grade is completed.
- ☐ I know the Silver Award **Take Action** project's required elements are 1. Practicing **leadership**; 2. Addressing a **root cause** of a community issue I care about; and 3. Creating a plan to make my project **sustainable**.
- ☐ I have reviewed the *Cadette Workbook for Earning Your Silver Award*.
- ☐ I am excited to get started!

Project Planning

- ☐ I developed a title for my project.
- ☐ I provided information about myself (solo model) or myself and up to three other Cadettes (small team model) and additional adult resources.
- ☐ I decided my project's expected start date and expected completion date.
- ☐ I researched an issue I am passionate about and identified at least one **root cause** that is based on a need in my community.
- ☐ I have identified my target audience (who is going to benefit).
- ☐ I have identified and engaged experts and others in my community who might be able to help with my project or have knowledge of how my project issue affects my community.
- ☐ I have described my plan to address my issue's root cause and make my project **sustainable** by using one of these three methods:
 - ☐ Create a permanent solution that can be used after the project is complete.
 - ☐ Educate and inspire others in the community or within Girl Scouts to be part of the change.
 - ☐ Advocate to change a rule, regulation, or law and encourage others to join.
- ☐ I have worked with my team (if applicable) to identify all team members' **leadership** roles, which are all different and will each take approximately 50 hours of work.
- ☐ I have reviewed my plan and confirm my project is Take Action and not Community Service.
- ☐ I have listed potential supplies needed and estimated costs.
- ☐ I am aware of my local council's requirements for any of my project's donations, money-earning activities, or the use of troop funds. I am aware that each individual team member should spend approximately 50 hours on the project and maintain a Time Log.
- ☐ *Optional: I've identified how I would try to make my project measurable by making a goal to measure the project's success.*
- ☐ *Optional: I've identified how I would try to make a national and/or global link.*
- ☐ I have worked with my team (if applicable) to complete all fields on this form, including all questions, lines, and signatures.

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Final Report

- ☐ I have submitted a Budget Worksheet,* which has a record of the funds raised (donations, money earned, and troop funds) and spent, including how they were spent. I've also provided any additional council-required documentation related to money-earning activities.
- ☐ I have identified how I let others know about my project and the impact it had (Section 2).
- ☐ I have provided copies of photos, videos, flyers, or other evidence that documents what was accomplished (Section 2).
- ☐ I have submitted a Time Log* of my hours. Each Cadette should spend approximately 50 hours working towards the Silver Award (Section 3).
- ☐ I have included my reflection on this experience and how it has prepared me to pursue the Gold Award (Section 3).
- ☐ I have worked with my team (if applicable) to complete all fields on this form, including all questions, lines, and signatures.
- ☐ I have worked with my team (if applicable) to submit one Final Report, which includes individual sections that each team member completed on their own.
- ☐ I have submitted the Final Report no later than September 30 after finishing 8th grade.

*Other formats are acceptable for Time Log and Budget Worksheet

