

# Highest Awards



	Bronze Award	Silver Award	Gold Award
<b>Grade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4th or 5th grade</li> <li>Registered Girl Scout Junior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6th, 7th or 8th grade</li> <li>Registered Girl Scout Cadette</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade</li> <li>Registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador</li> </ul>
<b>Team Size</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max of 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max of 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led by individual Girl Scout with a team they have created</li> </ul>
<b>Hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested: 20 per Girl Scout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested: 50 per Girl Scout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested: 80 per Girl Scout</li> </ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Junior Journey</li> <li>Orientation: Live virtual &amp; GS Learn (encouraged)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Cadette Journey</li> <li>GS Learn Orientation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Senior/Ambassador Journeys OR 1 Silver Award and 1 Journey</li> <li>GS Learn Orientation</li> </ul>
<b>Project Proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraged</li> <li>Submit via <a href="#">online form</a> for approval before implementation</li> <li>Pre-approved project plans will be honored when final reports are submitted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REQUIRED</li> <li>Submit via <a href="#">online form</a> for approval before implementation</li> <li>Final proposal deadline is 7/15 after oldest team member completes 8th grade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REQUIRED</li> <li>Submit via <a href="#">GoGold</a></li> <li>Reviewed by the Gold Award Committee on a monthly basis</li> <li>Final proposal deadline is 9/15 of their 12th grade year</li> </ul>
<b>Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteers</li> <li>Optional: select and recruit content expert Project Advisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Scout selects and recruits content expert Project Advisor</li> <li>Council matches Girl Scout with a GSEMA Gold Award Advisor</li> </ul>
<b>Project Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A <a href="#">Take Action</a> project focused on leadership which addresses a root cause in the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A sustainable <a href="#">Take Action</a> project focused on leadership which addresses a root cause in the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A sustainable and measurable <a href="#">Take Action</a> project focused on leadership which addresses a root cause in the community with a national or global link</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group reflects in their final report on how their solution could be continued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REQUIRED</li> <li>Create a sustainability plan and implement before completing and earning their award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REQUIRED</li> <li>Create a sustainability plan and implement before completing and earning their award</li> </ul>
<b>Final Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete <a href="#">final report</a> by 9/30 prior to leveling up to Cadettes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete <a href="#">final report</a> by 9/30 prior to leveling up to Seniors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete final report on <a href="#">GoGold</a> with confirmation from Project Advisor and Gold Award Advisor by 9/30 after graduation</li> </ul>
<b>Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://gsema.org/bronzeaward">gsema.org/bronzeaward</a></li> <li><a href="#">Junior guide</a></li> <li><a href="#">Adult guide</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://gsema.org/silveraward">gsema.org/silveraward</a></li> <li><a href="#">Cadette guide</a></li> <li><a href="#">Adult guide</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://gsema.org/goldaward">gsema.org/goldaward</a></li> <li><a href="#">Proposal Writing Workshops</a></li> <li><a href="#">Your Guide to Going Gold</a></li> <li><a href="#">Adult resource</a></li> </ul>



## Planning Your Bronze Award

Final Deadline: September 30 of the year they move up to Cadettes

One – Two Years Before Deadline:

1. Complete a Junior Journey  
*GSEMA recommends visiting our [Program List](#) to view Journey programming to assist you and your group!*
2. Determine if you and your Girl Scout group wish to earn their Bronze Award
3. Make sure your volunteer or troop leader completes Bronze and Silver Award Orientation  
*GSEMA recommends completing this online! You can also join in on a Bronze Award Orientation live with your troop with GSEMA.*

Six Months to One Year Before Deadline:

- Brainstorm topics, issues and problems you care about
- Explore how your communities are impacted by or help solve the issues you are interested in
- Identify the root cause you and your group will be improving
- Investigate the issue you have chosen
- Create your team
- Build a take action plan for your Bronze Award
- Submit your plan to GSEMA for pre-approval  
*GSEMA wants to make sure you're on the path to success, so submitting your plan for approval and waiting to receive it can only help the group achieve their goal!*

Three to Six Months Before Deadline:

- Identify the resources needed to complete your plan
- Put your plans into motion
- Document your project through pictures, videos, plans and more
- Check in with your group to make sure your plans are all complete

After Project is Complete (One Month Before Deadline):

- Review the Bronze Award Final Report  
*GSEMA Tip: Print out the report and help your group brainstorm your responses. Once you know your answers submit online!*
- Debrief successes and challenges with your team
- Find photos of your team in action
- Complete the Bronze Award Final Report

## What happens after you submit your Bronze Award Final Report?

- GSEMA reviews final report and verifies current membership for candidates.
- If a project plan was not pre-approved, does not meet Take Action requirements, or major changes were made since pre-approval, GSEMA will notify the listed volunteer to discuss further.
- Once approved, GSEMA will mail the listed volunteer: individual Bronze Award Girl Scout certificates and letters of congratulations, letter of congratulations to volunteer, shop authorization for Bronze Award purchases.



## Planning Your Silver Award

Final Deadline: September 30 of the year they move up to Seniors

### Two Years Before Deadline:

1. Complete a Cadette Journey  
*GSEMA recommends visiting our [Program List](#) to view Journey programming to assist you and your group!*
2. Determine if you and your Girl Scout group wish to earn their Silver Award
3. Complete Silver Award Orientation on gsLearn  
*GSEMA recommends completing this with a Girl Scout volunteer, though Girl Scouts can request their own account to complete it independently!*

### One to Two Years Before Deadline:

- Brainstorm topics, issues and problems you care about
- Explore how your communities are impacted by or help solve the issues you are interested in
- Identify the root cause you and your group will be improving
- Investigate the issue you have chosen
- Create your team –of 4 or fewer
- Build a Take Action plan for your Silver Award
- Submit your plan to GSEMA for pre-approval (required)  
*GSEMA wants to make sure you're on the path to success, so submitting your plan for approval and waiting to receive it can only help the group achieve their goal!*

### Six to Twelve Months Before Deadline:

- Identify the resources needed to complete your plan
- Put your plans into motion
- Document your project through pictures, videos, plans and more
- Check in with your group to make sure your plans are all complete

### After Project is Complete (One Month Before Deadline):

- Review the Silver Award Final Report  
*GSEMA Tip: Print out the report and help your group brainstorm your responses. Once you know your answers submit online!*
- Debrief successes and challenges with your team
- Find photos of your team in action
- Complete the Silver Award Final Report

## What happens after you submit your Silver Award Final Report?

- GSEMA reviews final report and current membership for Silver Award candidates.
- If a project plan was not pre-approved, does not meet Take Action requirements, or have major changes from initial pre-approval, GSEMA will notify the listed volunteer to discuss further.
- Once approved, GSEMA will mail the listed volunteer: individual Girl Scout Silver Award certificates and letters of congratulations, letter of congratulations to volunteer, shop authorization for Silver Award purchases.