

# Your Guide to Going Bronze

Welcome to the Girl Scout Bronze Award, a leadership adventure for you and more than half a million other Girl Scout Juniors across the country and around the world. Imagine what you can accomplish when you team up with others and use your special skills and interests to take action and make a difference in the world!

As you can tell, this Girl Scout Bronze Award adventure is big—in fact, this award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. As you and your team plan and complete your project, you'll develop more confidence, meet new people, and have the kind of fun that happens when you work with other Girl Scouts to make a difference.

When you go for the Bronze Award, you represent what Girl Scouts can achieve in their communities. And, of course, you want to do that in a way that's fun for you— and for everyone else involved, too! Earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award involves the time to

complete a Journey, and then a minimum of 20 hours building your team, exploring your community, choosing your project, planning it, putting your plan in motion, and spreading the word about your project. The hours help you think about your commitment to doing your very best with each step and that will look different for every Girl Scout. You're a Girl Scout, which means you will earn your award with courage, confidence, and character and make a difference in the world around you!

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## **Guidelines to Using AI in Highest Award**

The use of generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT, Dall-e, etc.) in any aspect of a Highest Award (Bronze, Silver, Gold) project, including but not limited to:

- Brainstorming a project
- Writing sentences, paragraphs, or any material included in a project proposal or final report
- Creation of content for a Highest Award project

### **Is expressly forbidden and considered a direct violation of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.**

Writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills are part of the learning outcomes for all Highest Award projects. As such, all work, with a particular emphasis on project proposals and final reports, should be the work of the Girl Scout only.

Girl Scouts found to have used AI for any portion of their Highest Award Project will be immediately ineligible to earn the Highest Award they were pursuing when the violation was made.

Any future pursuits of a different Highest Award level by a Girl Scout found in violation of these guidelines must be reviewed by the Highest Awards Committee and Staff Specialist, with no guarantee of approval to move forward.

# Bronze Award Checklist

## Pre-Requisites

- You're in fourth or fifth grade
- You're a registered Girl Scout Junior
- You've completed a Junior Journey
  - Agent of Change
  - Think Like a Citizen Scientist
  - Think Like a Programmer
  - Think Like an Engineer
  - Get Moving!
  - AMUSE
  - Outdoor

## Bronze Award Steps

- Step 1: Build your Girl Scout Junior team
- Step 2: Explore your community
- Step 3: Choose your Bronze Award project
- Step 4: Make a plan
- Step 5: Put your plan in motion
- Step 6: Spread the word
- Step 7: Complete the Bronze Award Final Report

## Benefits of Earning the Bronze Award

You'll create change in the world around you.

Although it is not mandatory to earn the Bronze Award before going for the Girl Scout Silver Award, completing the Bronze Award will help develop skills and abilities that'll allow you to successfully earn the Silver Award.

You'll be recognized as a future community leader.

You'll find yourself supported by the community in many ways while on your quest for leadership. Being a Bronze Award recipient will open many doors.

Learning to work closely with a group to accomplish your goal for the community can be a lesson in cooperation, leadership, and compromise. Teamwork is a skill that is used throughout life.

Working on a Girl Scout Bronze Award is a safe way to build your leadership skills while acting on a community issue you really care about.

# Community Service vs. Take Action Project

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is a Take Action Project. The easiest way to remember the difference between a Community Service project and a Take Action project is whether the project is benign done for the community or with the community. If you are doing something for the community, you are most likely doing a Community Service project. If you are doing something with the community, you are most likely working on a Take Action project.

What does that mean? A Community Service project is a project that addresses an immediate, short-term need in the community. This can include volunteering your time with an organization or doing a one-time act or good deed. Examples include hosting a one-time supplies drive, cleaning up litter, painting a room at your local community center.

Take Action projects have you educate, publicize, and involve people in the community, sharing why they should come out and support your cause. When you pursue your Bronze (Take Action) Project, you take time to identify and understand the root cause of the issue, why the problem occurs, so you can share your knowledge and get others involved in enacting change in your community.

For example: when you see stray cats and dogs in your neighborhood, the root cause—or why—could be that there is not enough awareness around the importance of spaying and neutering animals. Not spaying and neutering animals can lead to the overpopulation of stray cats and dogs filling up the local animal shelters. This discovery can then lead to an opportunity to share the importance of, or need for, spaying and neutering pets (the root cause) with others. Your team will connect with your community so you can take action and help find a long-term solution to this problem.

Community Service Project	Take Action Project
Making tie blankets to donate to the local animal shelter	Teach classes about animals and issues the shelter is facing at local schools and organizations.
Start a campaign to get pets spayed and neutered.	Work with the shelter to keep the classes and campaign going.
Picking up trash at the local park.	Install more trash cans and signs about littering in the park.
Host an anti-littering campaign.	Set up a system for regular clean ups and recruit others to get involved.
Donating new or gently used clothes.	Reach out to a local donation center and see what kind of clothing is needed most.
Organize a specialized clothing drive of what they need the most.	Work with other organizations to publicize your drive and educate the community on the issue.

One-time collections or drives ARE NOT Take action projects.

# Bronze Award Final Report

Please print legibly in black or blue ink, or type. Each question should contain 2-3 sentences of detailed information. Use additional paper as needed. Please make a copy for yourself to keep. Submit the original to GSSEM's Detroit Service Center for review by mail or online:

- **Mail:** 1333 Brewery Park Blvd, Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48207, Attn: Kaylyn Borucki
- **Online:** [www.gssem.org/bronzereport](http://www.gssem.org/bronzereport)

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and current grades of girls completing all requirements and project:

Name	Grade

Prerequisite journey completed:

- Agent of Change     
  Think Like a Citizen Scientist     
  Get Moving!     
  Outdoor  
 Think Like an Engineer     
  Think Like a Programmer     
  AMUSE

Journey Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bronze Award Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

# Reflection

What community issue did your group decide to address with your Bronze Award?

What was the goal of your project?

What skills and abilities that you've learned from Girl Scouts did you put into action with your project?

What impact do you see this project having on your community?

What did you learn by completing your Bronze Award Project?

**Please include 3-4 pictures of your project and any resources you created (pamphlets, brochures, etc) when submitting this form.**

# Girl Scout Bronze Award Project Time Log

**Please submit with Final Report**

Your project should take a minimum of 20 hours. Use additional sheets as needed.

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Description of Activity	Time Spent
<b>Total hours:</b>		

# Bronze Award: Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. What grade levels may earn the Bronze Award?**

**A.** Junior Girl Scouts in grades 4–5 who are currently registered and participate in troops, groups, or as Juliettes may earn the Bronze Award.

**Q. How long does it take to earn the Bronze Award?**

**A.** After completing their Journey, girls will spend a minimum of 20 hours earning their Bronze Award. The hours are counted as a group.

**Q. May I work with my troop on my Bronze Award?**

**A.** The Bronze Award must be earned as a group. Projects should reflect girls' interests as a troop and tackle problems that are important to them. Each Junior on the team should have a distinct role and responsibility.

**Q. Does my project have to be sustainable?**

**A.** No. Take Action projects for the Bronze Award don't need to be sustainable. However, when a troop or group of girls undertake a Take Action project, they demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and its implementation.

**Q. What needs to be completed for my Bronze Award?**

**A.** The final report and time log must be submitted to GSSEM after completing your Bronze Award. The paperwork should be completed as a group and reflect the group's experience.

**Q. How do I submit my final report?**

**A.** The final report should be submitted at [www.gssem.org/bronzereport](http://www.gssem.org/bronzereport) or mailed to:

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan  
Attn: Kaylyn Borucki  
1333 Brewery Park Blvd, Suite 500  
Detroit, MI, 48207

**Q. When is the final report due to GSSEM?**

**A.** All girls have until September 30 of the year they complete fifth grade to qualify for their Bronze Award. To be recognized at that year's Honor Awards Ceremony the report must be submitted by March 1. If submitted after March 1, the girls will be celebrated at the next membership year's Honor Award Ceremony.

**Q. May Bronze Award projects be done in the Girl Scouting community?**

**A.** Yes, the Bronze Award may be completed within the Girl Scouting community.

**Q. When does a girl officially become a Bronze Award recipient?**

**A.** Your troop leader will receive an official letter from council upon receipt of their submission and completion of the final report and time log.

**Q. Who purchases the Girl Scout Bronze Award for the recipients?**

**A.** Girl Scout Bronze Award pins are provided at no charge to all girls who fulfill the requirements and meet the deadline to attend the annual Honor Awards Ceremony. If a girl wishes to receive her pin prior to the ceremony, she may purchase it from the Clinton Twp Council Shop or via curbside service at [www.gssem.org/curbside](http://www.gssem.org/curbside).