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## Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

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## 2009 GSUSA Guideline for the Gold Award - Option ONE

There is a two year transition period, from summer 2009 through September 30, 2011, during which girls can choose to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award using Option One or Option Two. The following are the steps using Option ONE:

### STEP 1: BUILD A FRAMEWORK

- Read the *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* STUDIO 2B insert
- Meet with troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor and develop a timeline for steps 2-4
- Make an agreement with your adult advisor

### STEP 2: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD LEADERSHIP AWARD CHARM

- Earn three Girl Scout Interest Project awards related to parts of the Girl Scout Law.
- Set goals and earn charms for the STUDIO 2B Focus book of your choice.
- Log 30 hours in a leadership role.
- Keep records and journal in *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* STUDIO 2B insert.

### STEP 3: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD CAREER AWARD CHARM

- Do a total of 40 hours related to career exploration.
- Or, Fast Track it with a paying job or your own business.

### STEP 4: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD 4Bs CHALLENGE AWARD CHARM

- **Become:** Assessment of skill set and setting and achieving two goals related to self-improvement.
- **Belong:** Create a community profile to find out more about the community needs and assets.
- **Believe:** Create a vision for change by focusing on community needs. Come up with an actual vision statement for one's Girl Scout Gold Award project based on challenge focusing.
- **Build:** Focus on developing a specific network of people who might help with the vision.
- Use page 18 in *STUDIO 2B Focus: Write Now* on building persuasive skills to help convince others to support your position on this issue.
- Use *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* STUDIO 2B insert to keep records and journal for discussion and evaluation with Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.

Note: Hours spent on the Girl Scout 4Bs Challenge can be applied to the Girl Scout Gold project hours.

### STEP 5: PLAN YOUR GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT

- **Plan it:** Keep record of time and process using *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* STUDIO 2B insert.
- **Know more about it**—research information on it.
- **Choose it**—brainstorm ways to solve problem, create a budget. Council must approve any money-earning or gift-in-kind plans related to project.
- **Map it**—create a timeline of project steps and list of resources needed. Fill out project plan for council.
- **Work with Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.**
- **Submit plan to Girl Scout council for approval**
  - Follow council submission guidelines. A girl cannot start on project until go-ahead is received from Council.
  - Receive feedback from council.
  - Make adjustment to plans if necessary.

### STEP 6: ACT

- **Do it!** Put plans into action.
- **Adjust plans** if necessary
- **Carry out project**
- **Track the 65 hours**, which include hours spent planning and researching the 4 B's Challenge.

### STEP 7: Reflect

- **Evaluate and Celebrate**

## **SUPPORT TEAM**

### **Standard of Excellence**

When you decide to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, you are on your honor to uphold the Standards of Excellence. These standards set a high benchmark for everything you do and invite you to think deeply, explore opportunities, and challenge yourself. Following the Standards of Excellence challenges you to develop yourself as a leader, achieve the Girl Scout Leadership Outcomes and make a mark on your community that creates a lasting impact on the lives of others.

**The troop/group volunteer** is the adult who works with an ongoing troop or group. One who supports and challenges Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors to strive for excellence. The troop/group volunteer supports girls in developing their leadership skills, achieving the Standard of Excellence outline in the Gold Award guidelines and making a lasting impact in the community. Once a girl identifies her issue, the troop/group volunteer might help her identify a person in the community who could be a great project advisor.

**The Mentor** is an adult who can provide additional ideas, materials and resources to support your efforts and will be assigned by the Council Office after they receive your Letter of Intent.

**The Project Advisor** is a volunteer who guides a girl as she takes her project from the planning stage through implementation.

- The project advisor is typically not a girls' parent or a Girl Scout troop/group volunteer.
- The project advisor is typically someone from the community who is knowledgeable about the issue and who can provide guidance, experience and expertise along the way.
- The project advisor should be identified in the planning phase before the Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal is turned in to the council.
- The projects advisor expands the network of adults and provides expertise for a girl's project
- If the girl has an idea before she starts any part work on her Girl Scout Gold Award, she might want to identify her project advisor from the very beginning.

**Girl Scout Gold Award Committee** is there to support Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors as they go through the process of earning their Girl Scout Gold Award. The committees are typically comprised of community members, educators, key volunteers and young women who have earned their Girl Scout Gold Award. The committee works with designated council staff.

### **TIP:**

A parent should not be the advisor because the girls are encouraged to connect with their community when earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. That means working with a project advisor who is not her parent.

## **Council Time Line for Gold Award Process**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit letter of Intent to your local service center
- \_\_\_\_\_ Receive response from council with contact information for your mentor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Select project advisor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Submit completed project proposal to your local service center
- \_\_\_\_\_ Received council notification of approval
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin Gold Award Take Action Project – remember to journal, scrapbook and photograph during ALL phases of your project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Write Final Report
- \_\_\_\_\_ Create Project Display Board
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Submit completed Final Report to your local service center by March 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend council review interview (you will receive notice on time/date/location)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend council recognition ceremony

\*Check with your local Gold Award Committee team to find out their monthly meeting dates to give you an idea of when to submit your paperwork.

\*\*March 1<sup>st</sup> is the final date for completed projects to be accepted for that year's recognition event.

**For Office Use Only**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy to Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Senior/Ambassador Girl Scout Gold Award  
NOTICE OF INTENT**

Submit this "Notice of Intent" to your local service center as listed below before you begin working on your Project Proposal. A Gold Award Mentor will be assigned to assist you along with your leader or the adult consultant working with you. Your Mentor can provide additional ideas, material and resources to support your efforts. You will need to secure a project advisor (project consultant) to work with you to help meet your needs as it relates to your project.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which method you would like to receive confirmation of this Intent and the name of your Mentor:

Check all that apply:  Letter  e-mail  phone call

Do you have an adult to assist you with your project?  Yes  No

Are you a currently registered Girl Scout?  Yes  No

Adult's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN GOLD AWARD MONEY EARNING APPLICATION

**DIRECTIONS:** PRIOR to beginning the money earning activity, the girl completes the application with the help of her Advisor. It is then reviewed and signed by her Gold Award Project Advisor, who forwards all copies to the Product Sales Department. After Council approval, copies of this application will be sent to the girl, Advisor, and Gold Award Project Advisor.

Girl's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Group # \_\_\_\_\_ SU # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of (Re) Registration with GSSEM \_\_\_\_\_ Date of proposed money earning activity \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed money earning activity description \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Cost of Project..... (A)  
 Sources of Income for Project: (Amount each source will contribute, as applicable)  
     Parents.....  
     Troop Donation.....  
     Other Donation.....  
     Total Income from all Sources..... (B)  
 Amount needed from this money earning activity (**Line A minus Line B**).....

*I have read and agree to advise this girl in following the Council Guidelines and Safety-Wise Standards 28, 29, and 30, regarding money earning. I understand that this girl cannot enter into contracts in the name of GSSEM. I approve of this money earning activity as it relates to her Gold Award project.*

Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Award Project Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gold Award Project Advisor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE**      Date Received \_\_\_\_\_      This Project is:    Approved      Not Approved  
 Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
 GSSEM Approval \_\_\_\_\_      Date Copies mailed \_\_\_\_\_

# PROJECT BUDGET / TIMELINE WORKSHEET

Please make sure to make a copy for your record before mailing along with your proposal and send to your local service center attn: Program Specialist

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

Use additional paper if needed.

**BUDGET** - Plan ahead for what you may need to purchase.

Expense Item	Amount	Quantity	Total
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**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOURCES** - Plan what help/resources you will need to complete your project.

People \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Facilities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Equipment \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





# Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal

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Please print or type in blue or black ink. Use additional paper if needed. Make two copies when completed. Keep one for yourself and give one to your advisor. Submit the original to the Service Center for approval. Do not begin your project until you have received council approval.

**Girl Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Graduation Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop #/Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service Center:** \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 1: ORGANIZE

Troop/Group Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Volunteer's phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2: GIRL SCOUT GOLD LEADERSHIP AWARD

Activity – (fill in information below)	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
<b>A. Earn It:</b> IPA:		
IPA:		
IPA:		
<b>B. STUDIO 2B Focus Book:</b>		
<b>C. Lead It:</b> (30 leadership hours) Describe what you did:		

**STEP 3: GIRL SCOUT GOLD CAREER AWARD**

Describe 40 hour career related activity:	Date Completed	Advisor Signature

**STEP 4: GIRL SCOUT GOLD 4B'S CHALLENGE**

Activity – (fill in information below)	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
<b>A. Become</b> – (your 2 personal skills to improve & improvement goals)		
<b>B. Belong</b> – (community needs)		
<b>C. Believe</b> – (your vision statement)		
<b>D. Build</b> – ( people who might help you with your project)		

**STEP 5: ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR PROJECT BUDGET/TIMELINE WORKSHEET**

**GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT**

Title of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following statements in complete paragraph format.**

- A. Describe the issue your project will address, what you hope to achieve, and who will benefit.
- B. Discuss your reasons for selecting this project.
- C. Outline your strengths, talents, and skills that will be put into action.
- D. Describe the steps involved for putting your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment needed.
- E. Indicate methods and/or tools you will utilize to evaluate the effectiveness of your project.
- F. List the names of advisors, consultants and other resources you plan to use.
- G. Estimate overall project expenses and how you plan to meet these costs.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Volunteer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mentor Signature Required

**Return proposal form and project budget/timeline worksheet to your local service center attn: Program Specialist**

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## Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report

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Please print or type in blue or black ink. Use additional paper if needed. Make two copies when completed. Keep one for yourself and give one to your advisor. Submit the original to the Service Center for approval.

**Girl Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone :** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Graduation Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop #/Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service Center:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop/Group Volunteer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop/Group Volunteer's phone:** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Advisor's Phone:** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 7: REFLECTION AND EVALUATION**

**On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following statements in complete paragraph format.**

- A. Briefly summarize your project. Include the issue your project addressed and the methods you used for meeting the project objectives.
- B. Discuss the benefits your project provided to others in the community.
- C. Detail the method used for evaluating the impact of your project.
- D. What did you learn about yourself as a result of this project?
- E. What aspects of your project would you change or do differently?
- F. What was the most successful aspect of your project?

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mentor Signature Required

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