

Girl Scouts' Highest Awards: Bronze, Silver, Gold



Girl Scout Highest Awards Progression Chart National Guidelines

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Pre-requisites	Complete 1 Junior Journey and its awards	Complete 1 Cadette Journey and its awards	Complete 2 Senior/ Ambassador Journey and its awards or complete 1 Journey and the Silver Award
Program level	Junior, 4th-5th grades	Cadette, 6th-8th grades	Senior/Ambassador, 9th-12th grades
Who you work with	Troop/Group	Individual or team of 2-4 Cadettes	Solo
Minimum hours	20	50 hours	80 (individual)
Approval of project	Approved by Troop Leader	Project proposal and final reports are submitted to GSSEM for approval	All paperwork is submitted to GSSEM through Highest Awards Committee for approval.
Take Action Project Focus	Something the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local Community.	Project that makes the local neighborhood or community better.	Project makes a lasting a lasting difference in the local community, region or beyond.

When a girl becomes a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award Girl Scout, she develops leadership skills, becomes recognized as a community leader, and makes the world a better place!

There are five key elements of a Take Action Project.

	Leadership	Root Cause	Sustainable	Measurable	National and/or Global Link
Bronze Juniors					
Silver Cadettes					
Gold Seniors/Ambassadors					

Required element

Introduction of new concept

Community Service	Take Action Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses an immediate need • Sometimes with or for the community partner • Short-term solution • Improves the community for some people right now • Contribution is usually measurable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the root cause of problem and is done with (not for) the community • Creates lasting impact in community that is measurable • Includes provision to ensure sustainability long after a Girl Scout's involvement and the project has ended

Why earn your Gold Award? Take it from the experts!

Sage Johnson, Gold Awardee

“If there is a part of you that knows there’s an issue that you don’t feel there’s enough light on, then you should be the one to shed light on it. Because if you don’t do it, no one else will.”



Lauren Hatto, Gold Awardee

“Never underestimate your ability to make a difference in your own community. Your ability to create change is there—just go for it!”

Learn more at
www.gssem.org/highestawards



Girls in grades 6-12 **join** as a member and get started on a Girl Scout Journey: www.gssem.org/join.
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