



## Thinking about earning your Girl Scout Gold Award?

The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting; it recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through remarkable take action projects that have sustainable impact in their communities and beyond. Since 1916, girls have successfully answered the call to Go Gold, an act that indelibly marks them as accomplished members of their communities and the world.

What are the benefits of earning the Gold Award?

Higher education/Career:

- Distinguish yourself among competition for college by using the Gold Award on your college essays and resume
- Earn College Scholarships
- Enter the military one rank higher
- Join an elite network of Gold Award recipients

Life Skills:

- Be a role model to girls
- Teach them how to make the world a better place
- Empower yourself to lead
- Enhance self-worth/confidence

Community:

- Tackle an issue, locally or globally
- Learn to providing a sustainable solution to your community
- Establish a lifetime network of peers and advisors

## Pre-requisites

Girls must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade (or equivalent) and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador AND Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador)\*OR Earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey

\*Girl Scout Seniors complete Senior journeys and Girl Scout Ambassadors complete Ambassador journeys

## Seven steps to earn your Gold Award

- 1) Choose an issue: Use your values and skills to identify a community issue you care about.
- 2) Investigate: Research everything you can about the issue.
- 3) Get help: Invite others to support and take action with you.
- 4) Create a plan: Create a project plan that achieves sustainable and measurable impact.
- 5) Present your plan and get feedback: Sum up your project plan for your Girl Scout council.
- 6) Take action: Take the lead to carry out your plan.
- 7) Educate and inspire: Share what you have experienced with others.



# MY GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD: HOW DO I GET STARTED?



This chart provides you with a snapshot of the Gold Award process.