

SO YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

Research indicates that the process of earning a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award significantly improves skills in project management, communication, and problem-solving. By earning a Highest Award, you are preparing for your future while gaining the confidence to make the world a better place.

Get help with your Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award with monthly office hours and 1:1 counseling for Girl Scouts pursuing their Highest Awards (and the adults supporting them).

Learn about the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards by checking out our Highest Awards page on our website: nmgirlscouts.org/highestawards



BRONZE AWARD

Juniors will team up with their troop to make a difference by exploring their community, discovering an issue they care about, and working together to solve it to earn their Bronze Award.

- Eligibility - Must be a Junior Girl Scout (4th or 5th Grade), earn 1 Junior Journey, and complete 20 hours minimum (per team member) towards your project.
- Make It Official - Bronze Award Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Bronze Award Final Reports are due September 30th of the year you or your oldest team member completes 5th grade.
- <https://bit.ly/GSNMTHighestAwardForms>

SILVER AWARD

Cadettes will work alone or with a small group of Cadettes (4 maximum) to research an issue they care about, make a sustainable plan to address it, and take action to earn their Silver Award.

- Eligibility - Must be a Cadette Girl Scout (6th, 7th, or 8th Grade), earn 1 Cadette Journey, and complete 50 hours minimum (individually or per team member).
- Make It Official - Silver Award Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Silver Award Final Reports are due September 30th of the year you or your oldest team member completes 8th grade.
- <https://bit.ly/GSNMTHighestAwardForms>

GOLD AWARD

Seniors & Ambassadors will work independently to build a team of trusted adults and peers to address an issue with a national-global link to make real, lasting, and sustainable change to earn the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

- Eligibility - Must be a Senior (9th or 10th Grade) or Ambassador (11th or 12th Grade), earn 1 Senior/Ambassador Journey (if earned Silver Award) or earn 2 Senior/Ambassador Journeys, and complete 80 hours minimum.
- Make It Official - Gold Award Proposals and Final Reports are accepted on a rolling basis for 9th-11th graders in GoGold. For 12th graders, Proposals are due February 1st and Final Reports are due July 1st (after graduation) in GoGold. <https://bit.ly/GSNMTGoGold>.
- Benefits of Going Gold - Standout in college admissions and job interviews, Earn exclusive scholarships, Achieve a higher pay grade in the U.S. military, and Set yourself up for success with higher life satisfaction (personal, education, professional, financial) according to GSUSA Research Institute.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TAKE ACTION VS. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS?

Take Action	Community Service
A long-term project with sustainable and ongoing influence that addresses an issue's root cause	A short-term effort that helps something or someone fulfill an immediate need
Done WITH the community	Done FOR the community
Creating a unique initiative to address an issue's root cause	Joining an existing effort to solve an issue
Creating and leading your own team of volunteers	Joining an existing team, usually as a volunteer
Setting the goals and leading a team to achieve them	Working toward a goal that's set by others



ADULTS, CAREGIVERS & TROOP LEADERS

It's important for Highest Award Girl Scouts to take the lead and practice independence, but they still need support. Adults play an active role in encouraging their Girl Scouts to aim high and make BIG achievements.

- Attend Troop Talks, the New Volunteer Series, or Volunteer Expos on the Highest Awards and Journeys to get support from your fellow volunteers.
- Check out downloadable resources for adults on the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards on our website: <https://bit.ly/GSNMTHighestAwards>.
- Keep it Girl-Led! Act primarily as a guide through the Highest Awards project. Don't pressure or take over but be a cheerleader from the sidelines and help when asked.
- Encourage them to take the lead in working with their team, community, and council.
- Ensure they follow the Girl Scout Safety Guidelines and Money-Earning Policies.
- Connect with the Older Girl Experience Coordinator for support and questions about the Highest Awards by emailing customer care@nmgirlscouts.org.
- Celebrate as your Girl Scout is honored as a Highest Awards Girl Scout! Come to the annual ceremony hosted by GSNMT where she'll receive her pin and certificate.
- Need to request a pin sooner? Fill out the pins request form online: <https://bit.ly/GSNMTHAPinRequest>.