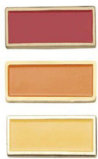




National Leadership and Service Awards

Girl Scouts care about others and love helping out! A variety of awards are available to recognize girls who have gone above and beyond to help other Girl Scouts or their community in a meaningful way. Refer to the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for most of the awards listed below.

If you have any questions concerning these leadership and service awards, please contact our council at info@girlscoutsp2p.org or 800-672-2148.



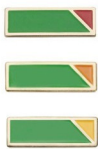
Community Service Bar:

When you earn a Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Community Service bar you are making a difference in your community – and practicing the values of the Girl Scout Law. It's also a great way to get involved with a cause you care about.

Requirements: To earn a Community Service Bar, first choose an organization* you'd like to volunteer with. The organization will need to agree to give you instructions about the work you'll be doing. Once you've chosen your organization, complete at least 20 hours of service to earn the bar. Then, submit the Community Service Bar Final Report (online) to the council. Details are provided in the appropriate level of the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. Pin is purchased by the member.

*Organizations must support the Girl Scout mission and be based on similar values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. No hours may be served with a political partisan organization (non-partisan is acceptable) or a for-profit organization.

Approval: Prior to volunteering with an agency or organization, you must seek troop leader approval. After you've completed your service, complete the final report found here: <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/xdiapy803zv8iq/>.



Service to Girl Scouting Bar:

If you choose to volunteer at least 20 hours to the Girl Scout organization as a Cadette, Senior or Ambassador, you can receive the Service to Girl Scouting Bar. For example, you might volunteer your time at a special event for younger girls, be an office assistant for your council or service unit or help with special projects. Pin is purchased by member.

Requirements: Council approval is not needed before beginning, but be sure to submit your time log after completion of your hours. Details are provided in the appropriate level of the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*.

Approval: Complete the Service to Girl Scouting Final Report that can be found at <https://girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/xdiapy803zv8iq/>.

Earn Service to Girl Scouting Hours! This form is optional, but it alerts council staff of your interest to volunteer. Complete the form at girlscoutsp2p.wufoo.com/forms/earn-service-to-girl-scouting-hours/.



Torch Leadership Award:

This award recognizes a Girl Scout Cadette, Senior or Ambassador who acts as a leader in her community. Pin is purchased by member.

Requirements: The award is earned by completing a Journey award for your age level and serving for one full term in a leadership position at your school, place of worship, library or similar organization. For example, you might serve as a school yearbook editor, on a committee to organize youth events within your faith community or on an event planning board at Girl Scouts. The length of service will depend on the term specified by the organization or the particular position you hold. Details are provided in the appropriate level Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.

Approval: Troop Leader or Advisor



The President's Volunteer Service Award:

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes United States citizens, including kids ages 5 and up, who have achieved between 26 and 250 hours of service to their community over a 12-month time period. Hours spent on the Girl Scout Gold, Silver or Bronze award also count towards the minimum number of hours for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Requirements: Visit presidentalserviceawards.gov for more information.

Approval: Submit via presidentalserviceawards.gov. Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont is a certifying organization. Certificate and pin/medallion is not provided by GSCP2P and can be purchased by participant.



Leader in Action (LiA):

The Leader in Action award is earned by a Girl Scout Cadette who helps a Brownie troop or group work on any of the three Leadership Journeys. Pin is purchased by member.

Requirements: Girls can earn a Leader in Action (LiA) award by assisting a Brownie group/troop on any of their National Leadership Journeys. There are three different LiA awards, one for each of the Journey series. To earn a LiA, girls will share their organizational skills, use one of their special talents, teach Brownies something important from their Journey and reflect upon their own experience. For more information about each LiA, network with the adult volunteers guiding Brownie groups in your Girl Scout community. Complete requirements can be found in their Brownie Leadership Journey adult guides.

Approval: Adult who supervises the LiA mentor

PA

Program Aide (PA):

Through the Cadette Program Aide experience, girls will participate in leadership training (Program Aide training) and then implement what they have learned with a group of girls. Girls who are interested in earning their Cadette Program Aide are choosing to take a position of leadership and want to share their Girl Scout knowledge with others. Pin is purchased by member.

Requirements: This award recognizes a Girl Scout Cadette who earns one LiA award and then completes a council-designed Program Aide leadership course. After completing these two steps, girls will need to work with younger girls over six sessions. These sessions are in addition to those completed for the LiA award. This might be assisting girls on Journey activities (in addition to work she did toward her LiA award), badge activities or general Girl Scout activities. She might work with a group at their meeting, day camps or during a special council event.

Approval: Program Aide Advisor (the adult who supervises the Program Aide during the six sessions).

VIT

Volunteer in Training (VIT):

This award recognizes a Girl Scout Senior who mentors a younger girl troop outside of a camp experience. Pin is purchased by member.

Requirements: Girl Scout Seniors who have completed the 9th grade will mentor younger girls in a troop or group setting that will span three to six months of mentoring girls outside of the camp experience. After finding a mentor and taking a council-sponsored leadership course, a VIT will create and implement a thoughtful program based on a Journey or a badge that lasts over four or more sessions. Be responsible for designing, planning and evaluating the activities. ("Sessions" can be instances when VIT personally leads a troop activity during a troop meeting or they can be a combination of a VIT leading activities at a troop meeting and leading younger girls during a major Girl Scout event).

Approval: Troop Leader or Advisor

CIT

Counselor in Training (CIT):

Earning the CIT gives girls an opportunity to put their skills to action by helping younger girls in a resident camp setting. Pin is purchased by member.

Requirements: This award recognizes a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador who mentors younger girls in a resident camp setting for one session. The CIT I award requires completion of a council-designed leadership course. Girls interested in earning the CIT I award should contact the Outdoor Experience team at info@girlscoutsp2p.org.

Approval: Girl Scout Camp Director or Appointee

Counselor in Training II (CIT II):

This award recognizes a Girl Scout Ambassador who first completes the CIT I award. The candidate mentors younger girls in a camp setting for one session while focusing on increasing her skills in a particular area such as archery or lifeguarding skills.

Requirements: The CIT II award requires completion of a council-designed leadership course. Girls interested in earning the CIT II award should contact the Outdoor Experience team at info@girlscoutsp2p.org. Pin is purchased by member.

Approval: Girl Scout Camp Director or Appointee



Highest Awards:

Bronze. Silver. Gold. These represent the highest honors a Girl Scout can earn. All three awards give a girl the chance to do big things while working on issues that capture their interest in a big way. Bronze and Silver pins are purchased by member. Gold Award pin is provided by council.

Requirements: For detailed award requirements, visit www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/highest-awards.html.

Approval: Bronze Award: Troop leader approval, submit final brag sheet to council.

Silver Award: Troop leader approval, submit final brag sheet to council.

Gold Award: Council approval prior to project start and final completion.

Tips for earning Girl Scout Leadership and Service Awards:

No double dipping. The service hours for each award can't be used to earn another award. The only exception is the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Document all of your work. Keep a written log of your hours including what you did during those hours. Have the project coordinator or your advisor sign off each time you log hours.

Represent Girl Scouts by wearing your uniform when completing service hours. If the job is too messy for your uniform, wear a Girl Scout t-shirt.

Take pictures and share your experience with others. Get permission from your parents to post your photo online. Before sharing pictures of others online, get written permission from the agency you are supporting and the parents of any youth in your photos.

Be a great role model. Follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law.