



# Silver Award Handbook



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# Introduction

We are so excited that you are working on your Girl Scout Silver Award! The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. A national award with national standards, it represents the time, leadership, creativity and effort girls contribute to making their communities better.



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Stay up-to-date! Find more information and other great resources about the Girl Scout Silver Award on our website:

<https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/en/our-program/highest-awards/silver-award.html>

GSCP2P strongly encourages girls and adults to review the [GSUSA Silver Award Guidelines](#).

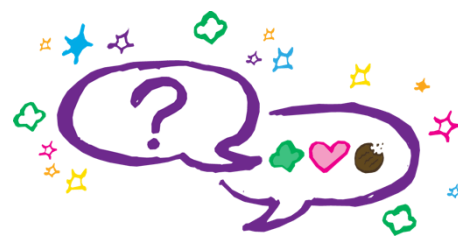
## Girl Scout Silver Award Prerequisites

The Girl Scout Silver Award prerequisites must be completed before any part of the project is started.

- Girls must be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and a registered Girl Scout Cadette.
- Complete ONE Cadette Journey
- Learn more. Attend a Ready, Set, Take Action – Silver Award Virtual Workshop (highly recommended).
- Effective October 1, 2021, all Girl Scout Silver Award projects will have to be pre-approved by submitting the [Girl Scout Silver Award Intent Form](#).

# What is a Take Action Project?

To earn the Girl Scout Silver Award, you will complete a Take Action Project that benefits your community. A Take Action Project is more than just an ordinary service project. It requires a great deal of leadership and other key factors that help to address an expressed need in your community.



## Take Action Project Requirements

- ☆ Girls can work as individuals or in small groups (1-4 girls).
- ☆ Project must take a minimum of 50 hours per girl.
- ☆ Recruit a team of 2-4 volunteers per girl who will help with the project.
- ☆ Take Action Projects needs to focus on something the girls care about and betters the local neighborhood, Girl Scouts or local community.
- ☆ If a girl delivers a program, a minimum of 10 hours must be devoted to the program delivery itself, which does not include set up and clean up.
- ☆ If the project has participants or an audience, it must benefit a minimum of 10 people.
- ☆ Projects can include a collection of items to address your issue (i.e. canned pet food for animal shelter). A collection or a donation **cannot** be the project focus.
- ☆ Projects can include a fundraiser to raise money to cover project expenses. A fundraiser cannot be the project focus.
- ☆ Follow Girl Scout *Safety Activity Checkpoints*, local, state and national laws, copyright laws and other legal guidelines.

When working in small groups (1-4 girls max), each girl will count the hours she completes with the group and the hours she completes by herself towards her 50 hours.

For example, if Daisy and Agnes work three hours together to paint a room, both would count three hours towards their 50 hours. If Daisy spends two hours researching paint, only she would count those hours.



**REMEMBER!** A project DOES NOT meet the Girl Scout Silver Award requirements if it:

- Raises money for an individual, organization, or cause
- Is only a collection or drive

## Best Practices for a Successful Project

## Timeline

Keep record of the time you and your team spend working on your project by creating a timeline.

- What was the task? List each task completed.
- Who did it? List specific names of people who worked on each task.
- When was it done? Give a date.
- How much time did it take?

### Example Timeline

TASK	WHO?	DATE	TIME
Phone conversation with park director	Me	10/1/21	30 min
Design brochure for park trail	Me, Daisy	10/4/21	90 min
Learned how to tie safety knots to use on trail railings	Me, Daisy, Agnes	10/6/21	60 min

## Budget

Keep track of the money and donations you need for your project by creating a budget.

- Review the [Additional Funding Policy](#) and submit the [Additional Funding Application](#) for any fundraisers or donation requests.
- Fill out the [Additional Funding Final Report](#).
- Remember, projects come in many forms and not every project requires money or additional fundraising.

### Example Budget

SUPPLIES	QUANTITY	COST
2x4x8 wood	12	\$47.64
Screws	Box of 200	\$8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$55.64

SUPPLIES	QUANTITY	DONOR
Roller skates	4 pairs	Big Wheels
Water bottles	2x 10-pack	Food Lion
Helmets	6	St. Mark's

## WHAT COUNTS TOWARD MY 50 HOURS?

- Developing your project
- Implementing your project
- Communicating with others
- Researching and planning
- Recruiting, training and supervising your team
- Buying and gathering supplies
- Researching, developing and planning approving money earning activities

### Tasks that do not count:

- Completing the prerequisites
- Time given by the people helping you
- Time spent driving
- Implementation of approved money earning activities
- Unrelated volunteer time for the agency that benefits from your project

# Project Completion and Approval

Effective October 1, 2021, the Silver Award Projects will need Pre-Approval through the Girl Scout Silver Award Intent Form.

Submit your Girl Scout Silver Award Intent Form – one form per project. Plan to submit your form at least 30 days in advance of the start of your project to obtain GSCP2P approval. Response is usually received within 14 business days. Once received, an e-mail will be sent to the Girl Scout Silver Award Committee to review and the girl will be contacted.

Once the project is completed, submit the online Silver Award Brag Sheet for official council recognition.

## Silver Award Brag Sheet

- If your troop completed more than one project, submit a separate form for each project.
- Please make sure all Silver Award Girl Scouts are listed and their names are typed as you would like them to appear on their Silver Award certificate.
- You can upload photos from your project to share with the council. GSCP2P may select your project to share in a council newsletter or on social media.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail, which you can bring to any council shop to purchase your Girl Scout Silver Award pin.

## Silver & Gold Award Ceremony

Silver Award Girl Scouts will be invited to the Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont's annual award ceremony in the spring.

In order to be honored at this ceremony, Silver Award Brag Sheets must be submitted by **March 15**.

Girls who submit their brag sheets after this date will be honored at the next year's ceremony.

## Best of luck as you begin your Girl Scout Silver Award journey!

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### The future is Gold!

Take the next steps by earning the [Gold Award](#) as a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador!



## REFLECT UPON YOUR HARD WORK

Once your Silver Award project is complete, reflect upon the following questions. If you worked with others, have a group discussion.

- What successes did you have during your project?
- What challenges did you face and how did you overcome them?
- What strengths, skills, and talents did you use during your project?
- What new skills did you gain as a result of your project?