

Gold Award Facts and Figures

- » Gold Award Recipients on average spend one to two years on their projects.
- » The average age of Gold Award Recipients is 17.
- » Since 1916, one million girls have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent.
- » Gold Award Recipients who join the armed services enter one rank higher than other recruits.
- » University research indicates that adding the Gold Award to a college application is a critical element in the admissions decision process.

Girl Scout Alumnae

Our alumnae are living proof that what we teach today impacts tomorrow's leaders.

Fifty-nine million alumnae are more successful in school, develop a stronger sense of self, and report greater satisfaction with life than their non-alumnae peers.

These successful women include:

- » 70% of current female U.S. Senators;
- » 55% of women currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives; and
- » All 5 current female state governors.

For my Gold Award Take Action project:

“I designed and implemented an infection control measure to decrease hospital infection and reduce death. My findings were published in the Journal of Family Practice.”

—Ariel

2010 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient

“I brought together volunteers to crochet sleeping pallets out of recycled plastic grocery bags. This provided hope for the homeless and kept plastic bags out of landfills.”

—Annika

2010 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient

“I helped refugee students and their impoverished families from South Asian nations assimilate to American culture by creating a tutoring and empowerment club.”

—Vrinda

2010 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient

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“The Gold Award strengthened my self-confidence and independence, challenging me to be a visionary leader.”

—Catherine
Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient

We invite you to learn more about the highest awards in Girl Scouting: the Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards.

Each year, these awards are presented to girls who have planned and executed Take Action projects in response to pressing community needs. In the process, girls gain skills in leadership, project planning, time management, and budgeting, plus confidence that lasts a lifetime. With a supportive environment, girls can do anything!

The Highest Awards Give Girls an Opportunity to Take Action in Their Communities.

The Girl Scout Bronze Award

4th–5th grades

- » Each girl must be a registered Girl Scout Junior and complete a Junior Journey.
- » Working as a team, girls discover a community issue and complete a Take Action project.
- » **FACT:** Eighty-two percent of girls who earn the Bronze Award go on to achieve the Gold.

The Girl Scout Silver Award

6th–8th grades

- » Each girl must be a registered Girl Scout Cadette and complete a Cadette Journey.
- » Working as an individual or small group, girls identify a root cause of a community issue and complete a Take Action project.
- » **FACT:** Ninety-six percent of girls who earn the Silver Award go on to achieve the Gold.

The Girl Scout Gold Award

The highest achievement in Girl Scouting

9th–12th grades

- » Each girl must be a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador.
- » Girls must complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador), OR earn the Silver Award and complete one Journey.
- » Working as an individual, girls research root causes of a community issue and develop a lasting solution. Throughout the Take Action project process, girls demonstrate extraordinary leadership.

Seven Steps to Gold

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.

Commonly Asked Questions:

Who can earn the Girl Scout Gold Award?

A girl must be in grades 9–12, a registered Girl Scout and have completed the Gold Award prerequisites.

What does it mean to have a sustainable project?

A sustainable community project is one that continues after the girl's involvement ends.

Are there college scholarships available for Gold Award recipients? Yes, visit

www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/facts/scholarships.

If a Girl Scout didn't earn a Bronze or Silver Award, is she eligible for a Gold Award?

Yes, as long as she completes two Senior or Ambassador Journeys.

What are some examples of Gold Award projects?

Visit <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/map-it-girls-changing-the-world>.

To learn more, visit your local Girl Scout council. Go to www.girlscouts.org and click “Find a Council.”