

# Highest Awards







Bronze. Silver. Gold. These represent the highest honors a Girl Scout can earn.

All three awards give you the chance to do big things while working on an issue that has captured your interest in a big way. As you earn one of Girl Scouting's highest awards, you'll change your corner of the world and beyond. What will your project be?

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

## 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.
- \*After fulfilling the Journey requirement, 20 hours is the suggested minimum time to spend exploring the community, choosing a project, planning it, putting the plan in motion, and spreading the word about the chosen project.

#### 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 compete a Take Action project.
- \*Once completing the Journey, the suggested minimum time earning the Girl Scout Silver Award is 50 hours.

#### 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.
- \*After completing the Journey requirement, 80 hours is the suggested minimum time to spend undergoing the 7 steps to Gold. To earn the Gold Award, girls must plan and implement an individual Take Action project that reaches beyond the Girl Scout organization and provides a sustainable, lasting benefit to the larger community.

We invite you to learn more about the highest awards in Girl Scouting: the Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. Throughout the year, GSEWNI offers Precious Metals trainings for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors who are interested in earning their higher awards. During this workshop, questions like, "What is a Take Action project?" and "How do you find a community partner?" will be answered! Visit www.gsewni.org to find a Precious Metals training near you.

To learn more, visit www.gsewni.org or contact Sarah E

<sup>\*</sup>The suggested minimum hours are not a rule; they are a guide for you to plan your time in achieving your goal.

## **Seven Steps to Gold**

- 1. **Identify an issue:** Use your values and skills to identify a community issue you care about.
- 2. **Investigate it thoroughly:** Use your sleuthing skills to learn everything you can about the issue you've identified.
- 3. **Get help and build your team:** Form a team to support your efforts and help you Take Action.
- 4. **Create a plan:** Identify the root cause of an issue, and then create a plan to tackle it.
- 5. **Present your plan and gather feedback:** Submit your Project Proposal Plan to Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho for approval.
- 6. Take action: Lead your team and carry out your plan.
- 7. **Educate and inspire:** Tell your story and share your results.



Troop 4332, 2015 Bronze Award Recipients Mead, Washington



Sofia Martinez, 2015 Silver Award Recipient Prosser, Washington



Ashley Dana, 2015 Gold Award Recipient Newport, Washington

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. What does it mean to have a sustainable project? A sustainable community project is one that continues after the girl's involvement ends.
- 2. **If a girl didn't earn a Bronze or Silver Award, is she eligible for Gold?** Yes, as long as she completes two Senior or Ambassador Journeys.
- 3. What are some examples of Gold Award Projects? Seeing examples of successful Gold Award projects is a great way to get your wheels turning! Visit http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/map-it-girls-changing-the-world.

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"The five requirements for winning the Golden Eaglet are character, health, handicraft, happiness and service, and that others will expect to find in our Golden Eaglet a perfect specimen of girlhood: mentally, morally, and physically."

- Juliette Gordon Low (1923)





