

# 2018 National Young Women of Distinction

[National Young Woman of Distinction](#) (NYWOD) is the honor given to ten Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors annually whose Gold Award projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge related to a national and/or global issue.

## To be eligible to apply for NYWOD, girls:

- Must have completed their Gold Award between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 and have NOT previously applied for the award
- Are nominated by their Girl Scout Council
- Are selected by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) annually
- Represent GSUSA as speakers at local and national events
- Gain professional public speaking training
- Have the opportunity to reach a larger national audience while highlighting the importance and impact of their Gold Award project
- Are awarded college scholarships and other opportunities to help sustain their Gold Award project
- Are recognized locally and nationally as inspiring leaders to girls around the world and throughout the Girl Scout Movement

Girl Scout councils may select up to three nominees; GSOC Nominees for the current year may be honored at the annual Recognition Event.

A Girl Scout Gold Award recipient who meets the criteria may request a nomination. Interested girls should email [mygoldaward@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:mygoldaward@girlscoutsoc.org) to request a nomination.

Nominees must have a user account and complete the application including a head shot photo, video, and answers to application questions using [Go Gold Online](#)

Councils may nominate candidates from April 1 through April 30 annually. The ten National Young Women of Distinction are announced during the first week of July.

**GSOC Deadline to Request a Nomination: March 1**