

# Girl Scout Awards

There is no better place than Girl Scouts for a girl to develop her leadership skills and achieve awards! Girl Scouts connects girls with award opportunities at all levels, starting with our youngest leaders – Girl Scout Daisies in kindergarten, all the way through high school seniors – Girl Scout Ambassadors. With The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting, girls can earn awards with their family or troop.

Find more information about available awards at [www.girlscouts.org/badges](http://www.girlscouts.org/badges).

## Highest Awards

### Girl Scout Bronze Award

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout **Junior** (grades 4-5) can earn. A girl can work with her troop, in a small group or as an individual to earn her Bronze Award once she has completed a Junior Journey.



Silver Award Girl Scouts have earned the highest award a Girl Scout **Cadette** (grades 6-8) can earn. A girl can work with her troop/group (a maximum of 3 girls per project is suggested) or as an individual to earn her Silver Award once she has completed a Cadette Journey.



### Girl Scout Gold Award

Gold Award Girl Scouts have earned the highest award a Girl Scout **Senior** (grades 9-10) or **Ambassador** (grade 11-12) can earn. A girl earns this award as an individual once she has completed two Senior/Ambassador Journeys OR has earned the Silver Award and completed one Senior/Ambassador Journey. Girls complete steps and track their progress using GSUSA's GoGold Platform and work with our local Gold Award Support Team. See [www.girlscoutsoc.org/gogold](http://www.girlscoutsoc.org/gogold) and [www.girlscoutsoc.org/gold](http://www.girlscoutsoc.org/gold) for more information.



## Awards for all Girl Scout Levels

### Journey Summit Award

This award is earned by completing three Journeys for your Girl Scout level.



### Safety Award

Each level has its own set of requirements to teach girls how to stay safe.



### My Promise, My Faith

Girl Scouts of all levels can earn one award each year as they explore the connection between Girl Scouts and their faith.



### Bridging Award

Bridging Girl Scouts earn this award by completing two steps - Pass It On - to share what they've learned with younger girls - and Look Ahead - to learn from older girls about their next Girl Scout level.



## Meritorious Service\*

### Bronze Cross

This Lifesaving Award is given to a Girl Scout who has shown extraordinary heroism or risked her life to save another's.



### Medal of Honor

This Lifesaving Award is given to a Girl Scout who has saved someone's life in an emergency.



\*Meritorious Service awards are rare. To recommend a girl for acts of heroism, contact [customer care@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsoc.org).



# Mentoring Awards

## Junior Aide



Girl Scout **Juniors** can earn this mentoring award by helping Daisies or Brownies earn one of their Journeys.

## Leader in Action (LiA)



**Cadettes** earn the LiA Award by assisting Brownies to complete a Journey. Complete requirements for the awards are in the Brownie Leadership Journey Adult Guides.



There are three steps to earn this mentoring award – earn one LiA Award, complete the GSOC Program Aide Self-Paced Leadership Training Course, and work directly with younger girls over 6 activity sessions (one hour sessions are suggested).

## Counselor-in-Training 1 (CIT I)



**Seniors** build skills toward becoming a camp counselor and earn this award by mentoring younger girls in a camp setting. OC Girl Scouts may complete this award during a CIT I session at Camp Scherman.

## Counselor-in-Training II (CIT II)



**Ambassadors** who have earned the CIT Award focus on increasing their skills in one specific area, such as lifeguarding or the arts, and earn this award by working with younger girls in a camp setting. OC Girl Scouts may complete this award during a CIT II session at Camp Scherman.

## Volunteer-in-Training (VIT)



**Seniors and Ambassadors** who mentor a Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette group outside of camp can earn this award. There are three steps to this award – work with an adult mentor, complete training, and create and implement a program for girls based on a Journey or badge.

# Opportunity Awards for All Levels

## Cookie Family Pin

Girls can earn this award every year with their family as they participate in the cookie program.



## Global Action Award

Girls complete activities related to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to earn this award.

*GSUSA requirements change annually.*



## World Thinking Day Award



Girls take part in activities to honor and celebrate our global sisterhood around the world to earn this award.

*GSUSA theme, requirements, and badge design change annually.*

# National Leadership Awards

## Torch Awards



This award recognizes **Cadettes** (Silver), **Seniors** (Gold), and **Ambassadors** (Gold & Silver) who act as leaders in their community. There are two steps to this award – complete a Journey and serve for one term in a leadership position.

## Community Service Bar



To earn this award, **Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors** choose a community organization to work with, and complete at least 20 hours of service.\*\*

## Service to Girl Scouting Bar



**Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors** often volunteer to help with younger girls or on other special projects. Once a girl completes at least 20 hours of service to Girl Scouting, she can earn this award.\*\*

\*Note: The Journey Take Action Project girls complete is separate from the Highest Awards: Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Take Action Project. Guidelines for the Highest Awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold are in *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* and on the GSOC and GSUSA websites at [www.girlscoutsoc.org](http://www.girlscoutsoc.org) and [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

\*\*Hours of service girls use to earn these awards must be separate from those counted toward other awards.