





## Overview of Girl Awards



Girl Awards are an important part of the **Girl Scout Leadership Experience!** GSOC is proud to recognize Girl Scouts with national and council **Girl Awards**. Visit the **Girl Awards** page at [www.girlscoutsoc.org/girl-recognition](http://www.girlscoutsoc.org/girl-recognition) for resources and information and contact [customercare@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsoc.org) with any questions!

Award	Criteria	Guidelines	Deadline
 <p><b>GSUSA Medal of Honor &amp; Bronze Cross Lifesaving Awards</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Daisies to Ambassadors, grades K-12</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Girl Scout age 5 through 17 who saved or attempted to save a life under circumstances that indicate heroism/risk</li> <li>Medal of Honor: Given for saving a life/attempting to save a life <b>without</b> risk to the candidate's own life</li> <li>Bronze Cross: Given for saving a life/attempting to save a life <b>with</b> risk to the candidate's own life</li> <li><i>Lifesaving Award recipients are recognized in a special way to be determined by GSOC on behalf of GSUSA.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Application must be completed giving full details of the incident, accompanied by signed statements from the rescuer, the rescued person, and the witnesses (not more than three) and must be approved by GSOC before being submitted to GSUSA. Contact <a href="mailto:customercare@girlscoutsoc.org">customercare@girlscoutsoc.org</a> to request an application.</p>	<p>Application must be requested within <b>60 days</b> of the incident and submitted within <b>six months</b> after the accident occurred.</p>
 <p><b>GSOC Girl Scout Faith Awards: OC Faith Mentor and OC Faith Explorer</b></p> <p><b>Get Started!</b></p> <p>Girl Scouts K-12 can earn the My Promise, My Faith Awards each year Explore <a href="#">Girl Scouts and Faith</a></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Cadettes to Ambassadors, grades 6-12</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented to Girl Scouts who earn <b>all 13 My Promise, My Faith Awards</b> OR earn 7 or more My Promise, My Faith Awards and help Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors earn the My Promise, My Faith Awards for their level.</li> <li><b>Girl Scout Daisies, Juniors, and Cadettes: start earning My Promise, My Faith Awards this year</b> to receive the OC Faith Award certificate as a <b>Cadette, Senior</b> or <b>Ambassador!</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Girls Scouts OC Faith Award certificates are provided to girls to be recognized by their family/troop/service unit. Additionally, Girl Scouts may be presented with certificates at the annual Diocesan Girl Scout Mass &amp; Awards Reception during Girl Scout Week in March.</i></p>	<p>Girls/parents/troop leaders submit the names of girls to be recognized using the online <a href="#">Girl Scout Faith Awards Report Form</a>.</p>	<p>Submissions are accepted on an ongoing basis; <b>submit by March 1</b> to receive certificates for Girl Scout Week Faith Days including Girl Scout Sunday, Girl Scout Jummah, and Girl Scout Shabbat.</p>



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 <p><b>Girl Scout Bronze Award</b></p> <p><b>Girl Scouts' Highest Award Open to Girl Scout Juniors, grades 4-5</b></p> <p><i>Level progression tip: Celebrate Bronze with the troop, Silver with the service unit, and Gold with the council.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scout Junior</li> <li>• Completed a Junior Journey</li> <li>• Completed a Take Action Project to earn the highest award for Girl Scout Juniors</li> </ul> <p><b>Bronze Award Girl Scouts</b> are recognized annually in the online GSOC Highest Awards Yearbook. Girls can participate in annual Picture Days to get their official Bronze Award Girl Scout photo.</p> <p><i>Girls can be presented the award pin by their Parent/Guardian, Girl Scout Volunteer, or Troop/Group Volunteer at a troop/service unit meeting/ceremony.</i></p>	<p>Bronze Award Girl Scouts work with their Troop/Group Volunteer to complete the steps to earn the highest award for Girl Scout Juniors and submit the <a href="#">Bronze Award Report Form</a> to be recognized in the online <a href="#">Highest Awards Yearbook</a>. Once complete, the award pin and additional recognition merchandise can be purchased from the council shop to help girls celebrate their achievement.</p>	<p><b>Bronze Award Report Form Deadline</b></p> <p>September 30<sup>th</sup> annually</p>
 <p><b>Girl Scout Silver Award</b></p> <p><b>Girl Scouts' Highest Award Open to Girl Scout Cadettes, grades 6-8</b></p> <p><i>Level progression tip: Celebrate Bronze with the troop, Silver with the service unit, and Gold with the council.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scout Cadette</li> <li>• Completed a Cadette Journey</li> <li>• Completed a Take Action Project to earn the highest award for Girl Scout Cadettes</li> </ul> <p><b>Silver Award Girl Scouts</b> are recognized annually in the online GSOC Highest Awards Yearbook. Girls can participate in annual Picture Days to get their official Silver Award Girl Scout photo.</p> <p><i>Girls can be presented the award pin by their Parent/Guardian, Girl Scout Volunteer, or Troop/Group Volunteer at a troop/service unit meeting/ceremony.</i></p>	<p>Silver Award Girl Scouts work with their Troop/Group Volunteer to complete the steps to earn the highest award for Girl Scout Cadettes and submit the <a href="#">Silver Award Report Form</a> to be recognized in the online <a href="#">Highest Awards Yearbook</a>. Once complete, the award pin and additional recognition merchandise can be purchased from the council shop to help girls celebrate their achievement.</p>	<p><b>Silver Award Report Form Deadline</b></p> <p>September 30<sup>th</sup> annually</p> <p>Girls planning to participate in May/June troop/SU ceremonies submit by March 1</p>





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 <p><b>GSUSA Girl Scout 10 Year Pin – Updated 2022*</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors, grades 9-12</b></p> <p><i>*Note: GSOC will award vintage pins, pictured on left, while supplies last. A new updated design, pictured on right, is now available through the council shop.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to girls who attain 10 years of participation in Girl Scouting</li> </ul> <p><i>Girl Scouts who have attained 10 years of participation in Girl Scouts can honor a decade of Girl Scouting with the <a href="#">Girl Scout 10 Year Pin – Updated 2022!</a> Eligible Girl Scouts can purchase the official pin that represents 10 years of registered membership as a girl member from the council shop.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, 10 Year Pins will be presented to Grads &amp; Gold Award Girl Scouts in attendance who register and request the 10 Year Pin as part of their registration for the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p>Girls/parents/troop leaders/service unit volunteers purchase the pin from the <a href="#">council shop</a>.</p> <p>Grads and Gold Award Girl Scouts may request the 10 Year Pin provided by GSOC as part of their event registration to attend the <a href="#">Green &amp; Gold Celebration</a>.</p>	<p>Pins are available to purchase through the council shop; order early for the best availability.</p> <p><b>Green &amp; Gold Celebration Registration Deadline</b> May 1<sup>st</sup></p>
 <p><b>Girl Scout Gold Award</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors, grades 9-12</b></p> <p><i>Level progression tip: Celebrate Bronze with the troop, Silver with the service unit, and Gold with the council.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-12th grade Girl Scout Senior/Ambassador</li> <li>Earned the highest award in Girl Scouts</li> </ul> <p><b>Gold Award Girl Scouts</b> are recognized annually in the online GSOC Highest Awards Yearbook. Girls can participate in annual Picture Days to get their official Gold Award Girl Scout photo.</p> <p><i>Girls can be presented the award pin by their Parent/Guardian, Girl Scout Volunteer, or Troop/Group Volunteer at a troop/service unit meeting/ceremony.</i></p> <p><i>Girls in attendance are encouraged to participate in a group photo at the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p>Gold Award Girl Scouts submit the Gold Award Profile Form to be recognized in the online <a href="#">Highest Awards Yearbook</a>. GSOC recognizes all Gold Award Girl Scouts and provides award pins and recognition materials at the <a href="#">Green &amp; Gold Celebration</a> to girls who obtain final approval by March 1. Additional recognition merchandise can be purchased from the council shop to help girls celebrate their achievement.</p>	<p><b>Gold Award Report Form Deadline</b> September 30<sup>th</sup> annually</p> <p><b>Green &amp; Gold Celebration Registration Deadline</b> May 1<sup>st</sup></p>

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<p>girl scouts of orange county</p>  <p><b>GSOC Gold Award Scholarship</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors, grades 9-12</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-12th grade Girl Scouts who have earned the highest award in Girl Scouting during the current Girl Scout membership year</li> </ul> <p>Gold Award Girl Scouts who are high school seniors or recent high school graduates are eligible to apply. In 2024 and 2025, GSOC will provide scholarships to three finalists identified through the GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Program. Award amounts are determined annually.</p>	<p>Interested girls follow the guidelines to apply for the 2024 and 2025 GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Program.</p> <p>Three finalists will be identified as part of the selection process.</p> <p><i>Finalists will be recognized at the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p><b>Application Deadline</b></p> <p>April 17<sup>th</sup></p>
<p>girl scouts</p>  <p><b>GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors, grades 9-12</b></p> <p>2024 and 2025 recipients will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, an official award letter, and recognition in local and national Girl Scout promotions, including on <a href="http://www.girlscouts.org/goldawardclass">www.girlscouts.org/goldawardclass</a></p>	<p>The GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship program recognizes the outstanding achievement of and provides financial support to one Gold Award Girl Scout per council. The scholarship is earned by a Girl Scout who completed a Gold Award project that demonstrated extraordinary <b>leadership, measurable and sustainable impact</b>, and that addressed an issue of <b>national and/or global</b> significance.</p> <p>Gold Award Girl Scouts who are high school seniors or recent high school graduates can apply for the 2024 program. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>current high school seniors who earned or will earn anytime before April 1, 2024</li> <li>recent high school graduates who earned in their senior year after March 31, 2023</li> </ul> <p><i>Councils select one nominee; GSUSA selects recipients; finalists are recognized at the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p>Each Gold Award Girl Scout whose Gold Award Final Report has been approved in GoGold between <b>March 31, 2023 and April 1, 2024</b> is eligible to apply.</p> <p>Notes on eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold Award Girl Scouts who applied in a previous year are not eligible to re-apply.</li> <li>To be eligible, all Gold Award Girl Scouts must have their Final Report approved in GoGold within the eligibility date range.</li> <li>Gold Award Girl Scouts who are not yet in 12th grade will have the opportunity to apply in their senior year.</li> </ul> <p>Girls complete the application.</p>	<p><b>Application window</b></p> <p>March 15-April 17</p> <p>Note to applicants:</p> <p>The application collects basic demographics, confirms Gold Award status, collects a headshot photo and release form, and offers four essay prompts where Girl Scouts answer questions about their Gold Award.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>

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 <p><b>GSOC Girl Scout Ambassador Graduating Senior Recognition</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Ambassadors, grade 12</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scout Ambassador Grad</li> <li>Recognizes Girl Scout Grads</li> </ul> <p><i>Girl Scout Graduates are honored at the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p>Grads submit the <a href="#">Girl Scout Grad/Alum Contact Information</a> including a photo.</p> <p>Grads may request a certificate provided by GSOC as part of their event registration to attend the <a href="#">Green &amp; Gold Celebration</a>.</p>	<p><b>Grad/Alum Contact Info &amp; Green &amp; Gold Celebration Registration Deadline</b></p> <p>May 1<sup>st</sup></p>
 <p><b>GSOC Juliette Low Spirit of Girl Scouting Award</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Ambassadors, grade 12</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12th grade Girl Scout Ambassador Grad</li> <li>Recognizes significant involvement and leadership in <b>Girl Scout</b> activities</li> </ul> <p><i>This award is presented at the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p>Interested Grads complete the <a href="#">GSOC Grad Girl Award Submission Form</a> and provide three references to be considered.</p> <p>Selected Grads will be recognized at the <a href="#">Green &amp; Gold Celebration</a>.</p>	<p><b>GSOC Grad Girl Award Submission Form Deadline</b></p> <p>March 29<sup>th</sup> with references due by April 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Green &amp; Gold Celebration Registration Deadline</b></p> <p>May 1<sup>st</sup></p>
 <p><b>GSOC Outstanding Senior Girl Scout Recognition</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Ambassadors, grade 12</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12th grade Girl Scout Ambassador Grad</li> <li>Recognizes significant involvement and leadership in <b>school, community, and Girl Scout</b> activities</li> </ul> <p><i>This award is presented at the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p>Interested Grads complete the <a href="#">GSOC Grad Girl Award Submission Form</a> and provide three references to be considered.</p> <p>Selected Grads will be recognized at the <a href="#">Green &amp; Gold Celebration</a>.</p>	
 <p><b>GSUSA Bridge to Girl Scout Adult Award</b></p> <p><b>Open to Girl Scout Ambassadors, grade 12</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Scout “Bridging” is moving from one Girl Scout level to another. This pin signifies completion, as a Girl Scout Ambassador, and “bridging” to Girl Scout adult.</li> </ul> <p><i>Bridge to Adult Award recipients in attendance are honored at the Green &amp; Gold Celebration.</i></p>	<p>Grads may request an award pin provided by GSOC as part of their event registration to attend the <a href="#">Green &amp; Gold Celebration</a>.</p>	<p><b>Green &amp; Gold Celebration Registration Deadline</b></p> <p>May 1<sup>st</sup></p>



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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is due on 2-4-6-8?

[Adult Recognition Nominations](#) are due annually on February 4. In 2024, this deadline does not apply to Girl Awards.

#### How do I submit the Girl Awards Request Form? How do I get my 10 Year Award? Bridge to Adult Award?

The Girl Awards Request Form has been discontinued. In 2024, Grads & Gold Award Girl Scouts who plan to attend indicate the awards they are eligible to receive as part of their event registration for the [Green & Gold Celebration](#). This includes Girl Scout 10 Year Award and Bridge to Adult Award. *Note: Girls not planning to attend can purchase pins in the council shop.*

#### How can a Girl Scout get a Take Action Award?

All Girl Scouts can earn Girl Scout Take Action Award Badges as part of national program developed by GSUSA for Girl Scout Daisies-Ambassadors. In addition, Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Girl Scouts can be recognized for their efforts to take action to improve their community and earn Girl Scouts' Highest Awards. In 2024, the GSOC Take Action Awards are retired, however, GSOC will continue to share stories of all the amazing ways Girl Scouts take action and we encourage troops/service units to plan to celebrate these achievements at meetings/ceremonies/events and encourage girls to check out GSOC's [Mission Messengers Program](#) as an opportunity to share their favorite ways to take action as a Girl Scout.

#### What is the submission process for Girl Awards for Girl Scout Grads?

In 2024, we are moving from a nomination process to a submission process for GSOC Girl Awards including the Juliette Low Spirit of Girl Scouting Award and the Outstanding Senior Girl Scout Recognition. Interested Grads complete the [GSOC Grad Girl Award Submission Form](#) by March 29<sup>th</sup> and provide references\* by April 5<sup>th</sup> as follows:

- Juliette Low Spirit of Girl Scouting Award – three references (Girl Scout)
- Outstanding Senior Girl Scout Recognition – three references (school, community, Girl Scout)

Girls should include at least one reference from a Girl Scout Troop Leader or other Girl Scout Adult.

All applicants will be notified of their status prior to registration deadline for the [Green & Gold Celebration](#).

#### What is the Green & Gold Celebration?

The [Green & Gold Celebration](#) recognizing Grad & Gold Award Girl Scouts is an opportunity for girls and two guests to celebrate their Girl Scout experience and be recognized! Annual Group Photos will be taken at this event and awards presented will include the Girl Scout 10 Year Award, recognition of Girl Scout Grads, Gold Award Girl Scouts, Bridge to Adult Awards, and GSOC Girl Awards. There will be photos, food, and fun at this special celebration for OC Girl Scouts!

GSOC is committed to girl achievement and invested in girl awards and recognition. Building on the success of the Grad & Gold Award Girl Scout Celebration started in 2020, we are excited to recognize Grads & Gold Award Girl Scouts in '24 at the [Green & Gold Celebration](#). This is a chance for Grads and Gold Award Girl Scouts to reflect on their Girl Scout experience, celebrate their achievements, and enjoy a special awards presentation just for them!