

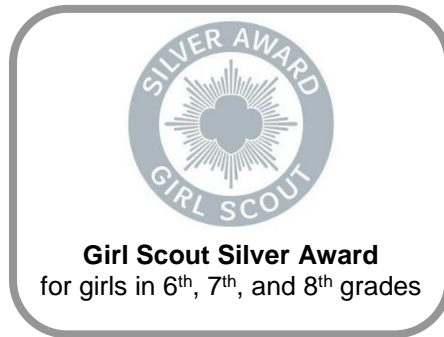


## Girl Scouts' Highest Awards

We know you want to do good things for the world. Help the people who need it most. Protect animals that can't speak for themselves. Treat the environment with the respect it deserves. We know you have great ideas, ones that make a lasting difference. And that you're more than ready to work hard to put those ideas into motion. Girl Scouts' Highest Awards—the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards—are your chance to make a lasting difference in your community... and in the larger world. Begin your journey. Start changing the world!



**Girl Scout Bronze Award**  
for girls in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades



**Girl Scout Silver Award**  
for girls in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades



**Girl Scout Gold Award**  
for girls in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Journeys Lead to the Girl Scouts' highest awards: the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Award.

When a girl does a Girl Scout Journey, she practices using the three keys to leadership:

- exploring issues in her community that matter to her
- practicing teaming up
- starting a community network
- learning basic planning steps
- coming up with ideas for her Take Action project



All this leaves a girl poised to go on to earn the highest awards.

- J** Girl Scout Juniors (grades 4-5) complete one national leadership Journey and then begin their Girl Scout Bronze Award Take Action project.
- C** Girl Scout Cadettes (grades 6-8) complete one national leadership Journey and then begin their Girl Scout Silver Award Take Action project.
- s a** Girl Scout Seniors (grade 9-10) and Ambassadors (grade 11-12) complete two national leadership Journeys, or have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award (as a Girl Scout Cadette, grade 6-8) and complete one Journey prior to beginning their Girl Scout Gold Award Take Action project.




**Girls Changing the World** - See what Girl Scouts are doing to make the world a better place by checking out the projects on this interactive map.

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/for-girls/girls-changing-the-world.html>

Check out the Girl Scouts of Orange County [Highest Awards Yearbook!](#)



## Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards At a Glance

GIRL SCOUTS' HIGHEST AWARDS	 <b>GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD</b>	 <b>GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD</b>	 <b>GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD</b>
<b>GRADE</b>	Girls must be in grade 4-5 and a registered Girl Scout Junior.	Girls must be in grade 6-8 and a registered Girl Scout Cadette.	Girls must be in grade 9-12 and a registered GS Senior or Ambassador.
<b>OVERVIEW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete a Junior Journey:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agent of Change</li> <li>• Get Moving!</li> <li>• aMUSE</li> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist</li> <li>• Think Like a Programmer</li> <li>• Think Like an Engineer</li> <li>• Outdoor</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Be part of a Troop or Group where girls take the lead</li> <li>✓ Take action on a community issue troop/group cares about</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete a Cadette Journey               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aMAZE</li> <li>• Breathe</li> <li>• MEdia</li> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist</li> <li>• Think Like a Programmer</li> <li>• Think Like an Engineer</li> <li>• Outdoor</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Work as an individual or in a small group where girls take the lead</li> <li>✓ Take action on a community issue that the girls care about</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GIRLtopia or Your Voice, Your World</li> <li>• Sow What? or Justice</li> <li>• Mission: Sisterhood or Bliss: Live It, Give It!</li> <li>• Think Like a Citizen Scientist</li> <li>• Think Like a Programmer</li> <li>• Think Like an Engineer</li> <li>• Outdoor</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>OR</b> Earn the Silver Award and complete one Journey (Senior or Ambassador)</li> <li>✓ Plan and carry out a leadership project as an individual girl</li> <li>✓ Take action on a community issue the girl cares about</li> </ul>
<b>ADULT ROLES</b>	Help and guidance provided by Troop/Group Volunteer	Help/guidance provided by Troop/Group Volunteer & Project Advisor	Help/guidance provided by Troop/Group Volunteer & Project Advisor
<b>TAKE ACTION PROJECT</b>	Troop/Group Take Action Project focuses on an issue the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community.  Puts the Promise and Law into action	Individual or group Take Action Project focuses on an issue the girl(s) would like to improve within the local neighborhood or community (outside of Girl Scouting).  Puts the Promise and Law into action	Individual Take Action Project focuses on an issue the girl would like to improve in the local community (outside of Girl Scouting), region, or beyond.  Puts the Promise and Law into action
<b>HOURS</b>	Suggested minimum 20 hours	Suggested minimum 50 hours	Suggested minimum 80 hours
<b>SUSTAINABLE</b>	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting.	The girl(s) demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.	Take Action Project includes a plan and provisions to ensure sustainability; the girl makes a lasting difference in the community.
<b>GLOBAL</b>	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem their project helped resolve.	Girls connect with new friends outside their immediate community, learn how others have solved similar problems, and determine if the ideas of others can help with their plan.	Girls identify national and/or global links to their selected issue. They learn from others and develop a plan to share the results of their project beyond the local community.
<b>TAKE ACTION PROJECT APPROVAL</b>	Troop/Group Volunteer	Troop/Group Volunteer Project Advisor	Troop/Group Volunteer Project Advisor GSOC Gold Award Support Team
*Council approval is needed for any money earning/solicitation			
<b>RESOURCES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Journeys</li> <li>• The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for Juniors</li> <li>• Bronze Award Girl Guidelines</li> <li>• Bronze Award Adult Guide</li> <li>• Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cadette Journeys</li> <li>• The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for Cadettes</li> <li>• Silver Award Girl Guidelines</li> <li>• Silver Award Adult Guide</li> <li>• Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior/Ambassador Journeys</li> <li>• The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for Seniors/Ambassadors</li> <li>• Gold Award Girl Guidelines</li> <li>• Gold Award Adult Guide</li> <li>• GSOC Guide to "Go Gold" in OC</li> <li>• GSOC Dates to Remember</li> <li>• Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)</li> </ul>

Adhere to guidelines in Volunteer Essentials and Safety Activity Checkpoints.

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