







Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Award FAQs

Question			
What grade level(s) can earn this award?	Juniors (grade 4-5)	Cadettes (grades 6-8)	Seniors and Ambassadors (Grades 9-12)
Is training available and/or required?	Not required.	Required. Offered online, video available for immediate access. Quiz included; results must be on file before proposal is submitted.	Required. Offered online, video available for immediate access. Quiz included; results must be on file before proposal is submitted.
What are the prerequisite requirements?	Complete one Junior Journey - Completing a Journey means that girls earn all Journey awards, including the Take Action project and all of the activities done with the Journey are separate from any work done on the Bronze Award project.	Complete one Cadette Journey - Completing a Journey means that girls earn all Journey awards, including the Take Action project and all of the activities done with the Journey are separate from any work done on the Silver Award project.	Complete two* Senior or Ambassador Journeys - Completing a Journey means that girls earn all Journey awards, including the Take Action project and all of the activities done with the Journey are separate from any work done on the Gold Award project. *If girls have previously earned the Girl Scout Silver Award, girls only need to complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey.
What steps do girls need to take to earn this award?	Step 1: Go on a Girl Scout Junior Journey. Step 2: Build Your Girl Scout Junior Team. Step 3: Explore Your Community. Step 4: Choose Your Girl Scout Bronze Award Project. Step 5: Make a Plan. Step 6: Put Your Plan in Motion. Step 7: Spread the Word.	Step 1: Go on a Girl Scout Cadette Journey. Step 2: Identify Issues Your Care About. Step 3: Build Your Girl Scout Cadette Team or Decide to Go Solo. Step 4: Explore Your Community. Step 5: Pick Your Take Action Project and Get Approval. Step 6: Develop Your Project. Step 7: Make a Plan and Put it Into Motion. Step 8: Reflect, Share Your Story, and Celebrate.	Step 1: Choose an issue. Step 2: Investigate. Step 3: Get help. Step 4: Create a plan. Step 5: Present your plan and get feedback. Step 6: Take Action. Step 7: Educate and inspire.
Do girls work individually or in groups?	Groups. Girl Scouts of the USA requires that the Bronze Award be earned in a group. Individually registered members or girls who are with a troop that doesn't intend to earn their Bronze Award can do one of two things: either they can create their own group from friends and family who are not Girl Scouts, or they can contact highestawards@gsos.org to connect with other girls in need of a Bronze Award team.	Small team (two or four girls) or individual (Individuals will recruit team to help them.)	Individually (Girls will build a team of community organizations and resources to help them.)
What is the minimum required number of hours a girl would spend working on this award?	20 hours per girl	50 hours per girl	80 hours per girl
Can the project address a need within Girl Scouting?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can girls raise and donate money in the name of another organization for this award?	No	No	No
To what degree must this award project be sustainable?	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting.	Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.	Project must include provisions to ensure sustainability.
To what degree must this award be global?	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that 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 other 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.

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Is council approval required to earn this award?	No, approval is made at the troop/group level.	Yes, approval is made at the council level through a paperwork submission process.	Yes, approval is made at the council level through a paperwork submission process.
Do girls have to have to submit a project proposal to the council before they begin working on earning this award?	No	Yes, it may take up to 30 days to receive approval from the Highest Awards Review Committee. Once you receive approval, you may begin your project.	Yes, it may take up to 30 days to receive approval from the Highest Awards Review Committee. Once you receive approval, you may begin your project.
Is a final report due to the council upon completion?	Yes, each girl submits her own report when the project is complete.	Yes, each girl submits her own report when the project is complete.	Yes, each girl submits her own report when the project is complete.
What resources are available for girls that are earning this award?	Junior Journeys On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Award Guidelines • Bronze Award Project Review Cover Sheet. • Bronze Award Adult Guide • Bronze Award Final Report 	Cadette Journeys On council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Award Guidelines. • Silver Award Adult Guide. • Silver Award Rubric. • Preapproval Form. • Silver Award Final Report. • Silver Award Training Video. • Silver Award Community Service to Take Action Cheat Sheet. • Take Action Guide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Award Adult Guide. • Going for the Gold. • Gold Award Training Video. • Gold Award Agreement. • Gold Award Adult Guide. • Gold Award Community Service to Take Action Cheat Sheet. • Take Action Guide. • Before You Submit Checklist. • Gold Rubric.
How are girls recognized?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troop co-leaders/girls can plan their own ceremony. • Service Units may recognize girls at end-of-year celebrations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troop co-leaders/girls can plan their own ceremony. • Service Units and/or schools may recognize girls at end-of-year celebrations. • Girls are invited to the council-wide Highest Awards Ceremony, which occurs in June. The deadline to be recognized is Feb. 15. Any projects with final reports received after Feb. 15 will be recognized the following year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Units and/or schools may recognize girls at end-of-year celebrations. • Girls are invited to the council-wide Highest Awards Ceremony, which occurs in June. The deadline to be recognized is Feb. 15. Any projects with final reports received after Feb. 15 will be recognized the following year. • On Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland social media after girls fill out the Highest Awards PR Request Form.

**For more information about highest awards, consult the adult guides for each award.
Still have questions? Contact highestawards@gsOH.org**