

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, at a Glance

| AWARDS | GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD® | GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD® | GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD® |
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| GRADE | Girls must be in 4 th or 5 th grade and a registered Girl Scout Junior | Girls must be in 6 th , 7 th , or 8 th grade and a registered Girl Scout Cadette | Girls must be in 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador |
| OVERVIEW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete a Junior prerequisite. ✓ Attend a Bronze Award Chat. ✓ Be part of a troop or group where you can take the lead. If you would like to work individually, please contact council first. ✓ Take Action on a community issue ✓ Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete a Cadette Prerequisite ✓ Attend a Silver Award Chat. ✓ Work as an individual or in a small group where you take the lead ✓ Take Action on a community issue ✓ Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete a Senior or Ambassador prerequisite. ✓ Attend a Gold Award Chat. ✓ Individually girl-led ✓ Take Action on a community issue that you care about ✓ Help and guidance provided by Project Advisor, not a guardian or troop volunteer. |
| PROJECT HOURS | The minimum hours to complete the steps to the Girl Scout Bronze Award is 20 hours for each girl to build their team, explore their community, choose and plan the project, put the plan in motion, and spread the word to educate and inspire others. These hours are suggested so that the Girl Scout Juniors will be better prepared to potentially go for and earn their Silver Award. | The minimum hours to complete the steps to the Girl Scout Silver Award are 50 hours to identify an issue, build their team (no more than 3 members), explore their community, choose and plan the project, put the plan into motion, and spread the word to educate and inspire others. These hours are suggested so that Girl Scout Cadettes will be better prepared to potentially go for and earn their Gold Award. | The minimum hours to complete the steps to the Girl Scout Gold Award are 80 hours to connect with those in her community to address a root cause of an issue you feel passionate about that has a national and/or global link, demonstrate leadership, and create a sustainable project while also making sure that you can measure the impact of your project. |
| TAKE ACTION PROJECT | Group Take Action Project focuses on something the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community. | Individual or group Take Action Project that makes the local neighborhood or community better. | Individual Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond. |
| PROJECT APPROVAL | GSCI Highest Award Committee | GSCI Highest Award Committee | GSCI Highest Award Committee |
| PAPERWORK | <p>Bronze Award Project proposal due to the council no later than March 1st of their 5th grade year.</p> <p>Final Report due to the Council by September 1st of the start of their 6th grade year.</p> | <p>Silver Award Project proposal due to the council no later than March 1st of their 8th grade year.</p> <p>Individual Final Report due to the Council by September 1st of their 9th grade year.</p> <p>*A Final Report is due for each girl even if the project is done as a group.</p> | <p>Project Proposal is due through the GoGold website for the Highest Awards Committee to Review. The committee meets bi-weekly, so projects should be approved or asked for revisions within 3 weeks.</p> <p>Final Report is due through the GoGold website for the Highest Awards Committee to Review.</p> |

THE COUNCIL PROVIDES STAFF SUPPORT, RESOURCES, LEARNING WORKSHOPS, AND PROMOTION FOR GIRLS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE WORKING AND ADVISING GIRLS WHILE WORKING ON THEIR LEADERSHIP PROJECTS. SEE WWW.GETYOURGIRLPOWER.ORG OR EMAIL TIFFANY KAUFMANN AT TKAUFMANN@GIRLSCOUTS-GSCI.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.