



Quick Guide: Silver Award

Before you begin: All Girl Scouts are required to complete one Cadette Highest Award prerequisite.

Who: Girl Scouts Cadettes- Girl Scouts may not begin

working on their Silver Award prerequisites until

October 1st of their 6th grade year.

What: Girl Scouts' highest award for Cadettes!

When: Complete as a Cadette Girl Scout.

How: 1. Find an issue you care about.

- 2. Build your Girl Scout team or decide to go solo.
- 3. Explore your community to learn more about issues that interest you.
- 4. Choose a Silver Award project that can lead to lasting change.
- 5. Make a plan and submit your project proposal to council.
- 6. Put your plan in motion.
- 7. Spread the word and submit your final report to council.
- 8. Celebrate! You've earned your Silver Award!

Find the Silver Award Guidelines and other resources on our Council website: getyourgirlpower.org or

email tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org.





How many hours are required to earn the Silver Award?

Cadette Girl Scouts should spend 50 hours of time each planning and implementing their project. This time does not include time spend on prerequisites. Girl Scouts are responsible for their own 50 hours of time. Time logs can be found in the Silver Award Final Report.

Does council need to approve our project idea before beginning the award? Yes, GSCI needs a proposal submitted for potential Silver Awards. The Highest Award Committee will since a formal decision letter one approved and your plan may be put in motion. The reason for this is so council knows who is working on the Silver Award and can check-in when that group is approaching upcoming deadlines.

Does council need to approve the project once it is complete?

Yes, there is a final report for the whole group to collaborate on answers and submit individual time logs. The reason for this is so your group may be invited to the next Spring Highest Awards ceremony.

Is there an annual council-wide recognition ceremony for Girl Scouts who earn the Silver Award?

Yes, this is our Highest Award Ceremony that is held in April or May where we recognize anyone who has earned a Highest Award within that past year.

How does a troop leader purchase the Silver Awards?

If the troop attends the Highest Award Ceremony, they receive the awards for free. If they do not attend the ceremony, they may contact their local boutique at 888-623-1237 and place an order.

Where do I find the details regarding the Silver Award Guidelines? Please visit the Silver Award page on the GSCI website for the Silver Award Guidelines and more information. Or you can email Tiffany Kaufmann at tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org.

Can troops request in-kind donations from local businesses or friends and family members to support the Bronze Award project?

Yes, donations may be sought out. An adult must do the actual ask and GSCI would prefer if the asks were for supplies and not money if possible. GSCI suggests that the Girl Scouts write a formal letter explaining their project when requesting donations.

Any other questions can be directed to Tiffany Kaufmann at tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org.