

PLEASE NOTE: Girls beginning a new level (Junior, Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador) **must** begin their journey to the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards **with the new Journey guidelines**. As of September 2010, girls who have begun the process to earn their Bronze, Silver or Gold through the outgoing method may continue to earn the award under those guidelines or they may choose to begin the new Journey guidelines.



Outgoing Girl Scout Gold Award Guidelines

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout earn. For many, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from "going for the Gold" set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship.

The Gold Award Project

The Gold Award project is the culmination of all the work a girl puts into "going for the Gold." It is something that a girl can be passionate about—in thought, deed, and action. The project is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community creates change, and may become ongoing. If it is an event, the event should be something that people will want to continue for the next year; if it is a service, it should be something that creates change or action with long-term possibilities, empowering others besides just the girl; if it is something tangible, it should come with a plan for use and maintenance within the community. The project is more than a good service project—it encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills. If a group of girls work on the project together, each girl must be responsible for a specific part of the project and must evaluate her participation as an individual and as a member of the group.

Requirements for the Girl Scout Gold Award

The following is an overview of the seven steps in the Girl Scout Gold Award. Girls need to purchase the *Go for it! The Girl Scout Gold Award* insert for a step-by-step guide and record of their Gold Award progress.

***To Begin, take the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Gold Award A training.**

PREREQUISITES

STEP 1: BUILD A FRAMEWORK

- Read the *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* insert
- Meet with troop/group advisor or project advisor and develop a timeline for steps 2-4 (optional)
- Make an agreement with your adult advisor (optional)

STEP 2: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD LEADERSHIP AWARD CHARM

- Earn three Girl Scout Interest Project awards related to parts of the Girl Scout Law.
- Set goals and earn charms for the STUDIO 2B Focus book of your choice.
- Log 30 hours in a leadership role.
- Keep records and journal in *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* insert.

STEP 3: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD CAREER AWARD CHARM

- A total of 40 hours related to career exploration.
- Or, fast track it with a paying job or your own business.

STEP 4: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD 4Bs CHALLENGE AWARD CHARM

- **Become:** Assessment of skill set, as well as setting and achieving two goals related to self-improvement.
- **Belong:** Create a community profile to find out more about the community needs and assets.
- **Believe:** Create a vision for change by focusing on community needs. Come up with an actual vision statement for your Girl Scout Gold Award project based on challenge focusing.
- **Build:** Focus on developing a specific network of people who might help with the vision.
- **Use page 18 in *STUDIO 2B Focus: Write Now*** to build persuasive skills and help convince others to support your position on this issue.
- **Use *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award STUDIO 2B insert*** to keep records and to journal for future discussion and evaluation with your Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.

Note: Hours spent on the Girl Scout 4Bs Challenge can be applied to the Girl Scout Gold project hours.

***Before continuing on to Step 5, you must take the Gold Award B training.**

STEP 5: PLAN YOUR GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT

- **Plan it:** Keep a record of your time and process using *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* insert.
- **Know more about it:** Research information on it.
- **Choose it:** Brainstorm ways to solve problem, create a budget. Council must approve any money-earning or gift-in-kind plans related to project.
- **Map it:** Create a timeline and keep a list of resources needed. Complete the project plan for council.
- **Work** with Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.
- **Submit plan** to Girl Scout council for approval
 - Follow council submission guidelines. A girl cannot start on a project until approval is received from council.
 - Receive feedback from council.
 - Make adjustment to plans if necessary.

OUTGOING GIRL SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL

STEP 6: ACT

- Do it! Put plans into action.
- Adjust plans if necessary
- Carry out the project

STEP 7: Reflect

- Evaluate
- Celebrate
- Complete the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Gold Award Final Report Form.

OUTGOING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD FINAL REPORT