**Gold Award Ceremony FAQ’s**

**Q:** **When is the 2023 Gold Award Ceremony?**

**A:** The 2023 Gold Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 4 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

**Q:** **What is the deadline to submit a final report to be eligible for the June GSGLA Gold Award Ceremony?**

**A:** The annual deadline for a Girl Scout to submit their final report in [GoGold](https://gogold.girlscouts.org) is March 1. The exit interview must be completed within a week following the deadline. Any candidate that submits a final report by the March 1 deadline will be notified regarding their exit interview date via email.

**Q:** **How will I know if my project is approved, and if I am eligible to participate in the 2023 Gold Award Ceremony?**

**A:** At the conclusion of your exit interview, you will be informed if you have successfully completed all requirements to earn the Gold Award. You will also be informed if you’re eligible to participate in the 2023 Gold Award Ceremony.

**Q:** **In what ways will I receive communication leading up to the Gold Award Ceremony?**

**A:** Following the exit interview, Gold Award Girl Scouts will receive a formal letter of congratulations. Caregivers of recipients and troop leaders will also be copied on the congratulatory email.

Throughout the award season (March – June), GSGLA will send reminders and updates to all recipients, their caregivers, and troop leaders via email. Caregivers and leaders are copied on all email communications, so they remain informed of all deadlines and happenings regarding the ceremony event.

Q: **Is there anything that GSGLA needs me to do in preparation for award season?**

**A:** GSGLA asks all Gold Award recipients to complete the following tasks: submit the Gold Award Ceremony eForm with any attachments and take a formal Gold Award portrait. These items are needed from each recipient whether they choose to participate in the ceremony event or not. The eForm submission and portrait are time sensitive tasks and have a firm deadline in mid-March (date TBA).

**Q: Why is submitting the Gold Award Ceremony eForm important?**

**A:** The eForm serves as a confirmation of information for all printed items for the ceremony such as the Gold Award Yearbook, certificate, ceremony program, and more. In addition, the eForm serves as your RSVP to the ceremony itself. Lastly, the eForm is also how the recipient will submit any photos or videos needed for the ceremony.

Eforms must be submitted by assigned deadlines for the recipient’s photos, project description, etc. to be featured in the ceremony and other related printed materials.

**Q: Why does GSGLA ask me to have my portrait taken? Where do I go to take this portrait?**

**A:** We use formal Gold Award portraits for the GSGLA Gold Award Ceremony, related print, digital publications, and more!

Belle N Beau Photography is the official photographer for GSGLA Gold Award Portraits. Belle N Beau Photography is located in Arcadia and can be reached at (626) 446-6000. They offer studio portrait appointments as well as predetermined portrait dates at our local GSGLA service and program centers to accommodate Gold Award Girl Scouts and their families.

Attire for portraits consists of a white collared blouse, khaki tan pants or skirt, and your Girl Scout vest or sash with membership pins. More information regarding photography attire will be included in the congratulatory letter.

**Q: What are the videography opportunities about? How can I participate?**

**A: GSGLA** has a limited number of videography appointments available for recipients that wish to participate in sharing about their Girl Scout journey, their Gold Award experience, and more. Clips of these videos will be featured in the ceremony, on the GSGLA website, and in social media highlights.

When GSGLA announces opportunities to participate in videography sessions, simply respond with your interest to be considered for a spot.

**Q: Once I have submitted my eForm and RSVP’d for the ceremony, what happens next?**

**A:** GSGLA will use the data submitted in the eForm for various ceremony related purposes. Girl Scouts that RSVP “yes” to attending the event will continue to receive communications regarding the ceremony via email: specifics regarding the ceremony, tickets, webinar, etc. will be communicated in detail. Reminders of and additional deadlines will also be sent regularly.

**Q: Where do I find details about the ceremony?**

**A:** The various emails that you will receive leading up to the ceremony will have many of the specifics that you need to know for the ceremony. Please be sure we have the most accurate email address for you and check your emails often so important information and deadlines aren’t missed. (Note: Some emails may end up in your SPAM folder, so be sure to check there as well).

Girl Scouts receiving the Gold Award will find details specific to their involvement in the ceremony and the day of schedule during our live informational webinar. Attendance at this webinar is required.

**Q: Do recipients need a ticket to attend the ceremony? Who are the complimentary tickets for?**

**A:** Recipients do not need a ticket to attend the event.

Each recipient will receive two (2) complimentary tickets for their caregiver(s) to attend the ceremony. Leaders, additional family, and friends will need to purchase a ticket for the event. Complimentary tickets (digital) will be emailed to awardees prior to the ceremony.

**Q: When do tickets for the ceremony go on sale? Who should purchase tickets?**

**A: Ceremony** tickets will go on sale May 1. Depending on when the tickets are purchased, the price range will range between $20-$25 per ticket. All additional guests must purchase a ticket. Guests will receive a digital ticket or confirmation of purchase to present at the venue.

**Q: What do Gold Award recipients wear to the ceremony?**

**A: Gold** Award recipients are asked to wear a white collared blouse, khaki tan pants or skirt, their Girl Scout vest or sash, and dress shoes. Simple make-up, jewelry, and a secure hair style are suggested for the event.

**Q: Why is the rehearsal necessary? Is it mandatory?**

**A:** There are many components to the ceremony that are rehearsed to make the event run smoothly and ensure the ceremony is memorable for the recipient and their guests. Please keep in mind that GSGLA has more than 200 recipients annually so there are a lot of aspects of the ceremony that need to be practiced. Attendance at the rehearsal is mandatory. If you have a conflict, please reach out to your council staff representative to work out alternate plans.

**Q: What generally happens on the day of the Gold Award Ceremony?**

**A:** There are many happenings the day of the ceremony. The day’s schedule is busy and typically runs as follows:

* Check-in and rehearsal 10 am – 12 noon
* Gold Award Class Photo – 12:15 pm
* Awardee Luncheon with the GSGLA Board of Directors 12:30 pm– 1:30 pm
* Pre-Ceremony Refresh Break – 1:30 pm
* Line-up for ceremony 1:45 pm
* Ceremony 2 pm – 4 pm
* Small reception following 4 pm – 4:30 pm

**Q: How do I receive my Gold Award pin and certificates?**

**A:** If you attend the ceremony, you will receive your pin and certificates at the event. If you RSVP’d “no” for the event or end up unable to attend, your pin and certificate will be available for pick-up at your assigned GSGLA Service Center the week following the ceremony. An email regarding pick-up will be sent following the ceremony.