



# FAQS and Tips for the Girl Scout Silver Award

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What grade or level earns the Silver Award?

A: Cadette Girl Scouts, grades 6, 7, and 8, are eligible to earn the Silver Award.

Note: Girls may not begin working on their Silver Award prerequisites until October 1, of their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Q: What are the prerequisites for earning the Silver Award?

A: All Cadette Girl Scouts are required to complete one Cadette Girl Scout level journey (including the journey's Take Action Project), one Cadette Leadership Award, or a Bronze Award. Any completed Journey will count, even after Journey's are retired on October 1, 2026. All prerequisites must be complete prior to beginning work on the Silver Award Project.

Q: How many girls can work together on a group Silver Award Project?

A: No more than four girls may work together on a group project.

Q: How many hours are required to earn the Silver Award?

A: Cadette Girl Scouts should spend 50 hours of time planning and implementing their project. Note: This time does not include time spent on prerequisites. Girls are responsible for their own 50 hours of time- even in group projects.

Q: What is the standard for a Silver Award caliber project?

A: All Silver Award projects are "Take Action" style projects. This means the project is done with the community and not for the community. It should address the root cause of an issue and girls should be able to clearly articulate what their community issue is and how the project impacts that issue. The project should also be measurable, sustainable, and involve community partners.

Q: Does council need to approve our project idea before beginning the award?

A: No, GSGLA does not need to preapprove the project before you begin. There is a project proposal form that Girl Scouts can complete and submit to their troop leader for review.

Q: Does council need to approve the project once the project is complete?

A: No, GSGLA does not need to approve the Silver Award. However, GSGLA will need to review your project upon completion. It is a leader approved, council reviewed project. Therefore, all girls must complete the [Silver Award Final Report Eform](#) once they have completed their project. Council will inquire with the leader should they feel it does not meet project standards.

Q: Does each Girl Scout that worked on the project have to submit their own form?

A: Each girl is required to complete the Silver Award Final Report Eform, complete with required attachments (time log, budget, and signature page). Note: Even if a girl does a group project, they must complete their own Final Report. Once the project is approved, the troop leader will receive details regarding purchasing the award.

Q: Is there an annual council-wide /regional ceremony for girls?

A: Yes, GSGLA does offer regional ceremonies to honor recipients. The ceremony is held each year in the spring. Qualifying Girl Scouts and their leaders will receive detailed information regarding the ceremony in mid-March.

Q: Where can we find details for earning the Silver Award, the Final Report EForm, and other resources for the award?

A: Please visit the [Silver Award page](#) on the GSGLA website.

Q: Can troops or girls request in-kind donations from local businesses or friends and family members?

A: Yes, in-kind donations may be sought. Girls should write a formal letter requesting donations from businesses. If they visit a business in person, they should wear their Girl Scout uniform. Girls should speak about their project when requesting donations.

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