



Gold/Silver Award Process Frequently Asked Questions

Pre-Requisites:

- Silver – one Journey
- Gold – Silver Award and one Journey or two Journeys if didn't earn Silver
- Girls must complete the Journey appropriate for the age group she is currently in

Choose Project

- Based on girl's interest
- Take Action Project based on identified community need and root problem
- Projects must be community based; outside Girl Scouting
- Silver-Must be an individual project or 2-3 in a small group
- Gold- Must be an individual project

Project

- Take Action not Short Term, must have a sustainable impact
- Gold Awards projects must be sustainable, Silver must show that sustainability is possible
- Plan to complete report within two weeks of project completion
- Keep a time-log as you work on the project. Do NOT wait until you write your report.

Application – Use GSRI forms

- Submit at least 1 month prior to project start date
- Type or print neatly - critical
- Signatures from project advisor (not parent), Gold award must be someone with expertise in project focus. If the parent is the troop leader she/he should have the asst. leader sign off on the pre-requisites as well.
- Submit complete application to Higher Awards Committee
 - Committee meets monthly, proposals and reports are reviewed weekly
 - Gold Award applicants are assigned a mentor
- Letters/emails are sent indicating approval of project or more information needed
- Please give as much information as possible

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Reports – Use GSRI forms

- Typed or printed neatly
- Silver- must demonstrate that sustainability is possible
- Gold- must verify project sustainability (letter of commitment, etc)
- Hours
 - Calculate total number of hours on each sheet
 - Hours may begin on approval date
 - Gold projects= 80 hours, 20 hours may be pre-approval
 - Silver projects= 50 hours, 15 hours may be pre-approval
- Should be submitted within two (2) weeks of project completion
- May include photos, news clippings, etc.
- The deadline to submit reports is September 30th if you are bridging to the next level.
 - Please do not wait until the last minute.
 - The committee may have additional questions once the report is submitted.
We recommend that reports be received by August 1 to allow for clarification if needed.

Need Help?

- Higher Award Committee contact list
- GSRI Website: www.gsri.org
- GSUSA website: www.girlscouts.org