

GSHCC Girl Awards Recognition Kit



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who make the world a better place.*

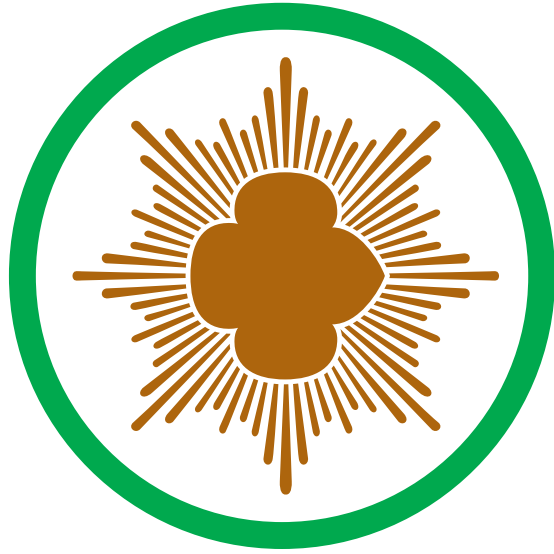
Welcome to the GSHCC Girl Awards Recognition Kit!

The Girl Scouts in your region are active servant leaders that are working hard to make a difference in their communities. The materials found here will help to recognize them for their incredible achievements. These materials are designed to streamline the process of recognizing and rewarding Higher Awards, Bridge to Adult, and 10-Year Pin earners in your region. You can help your girls gain the recognition they deserve for the accomplishments they have worked so hard for!

You will find:

- Certificate templates
- Ceremony script
- Media kit
 - Letter template for releases to local news
 - An outline of the significance of the awards
 - A form that you can send to council to let us know when your girls are featured in local media—so we can spread the word! You can find this form and submit your stories at: <https://gshcc.wufoo.com/forms/ryltwxt1lnqmxm/>
- Local governance recognition strategies
- SU Team Congratulations letter templates
- Tracking Sheet templates (so your service unit can track which girls earn awards, hours served, etc.)
- Budget Template
- Shop order processes—and gift suggestions!

Whether you establish a recognition ceremony for your own service unit or choose to partner up with other service units to create an even grander event, we appreciate the time you take to recognize the hard-working girls in your regions—and the girls do too!



the **Girl Scout**
Bronze Award
THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

FOR EARNING THE GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD



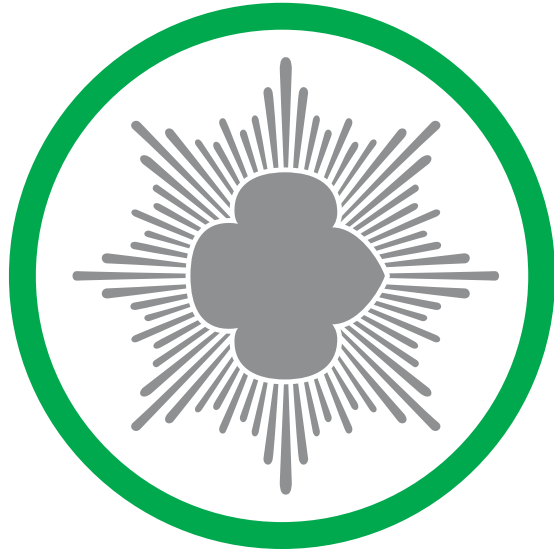
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the *Girl Scout* *Silver Award*

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

FOR EARNING THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD



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the **Girl Scout**
Gold Award

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

FOR EARNING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD



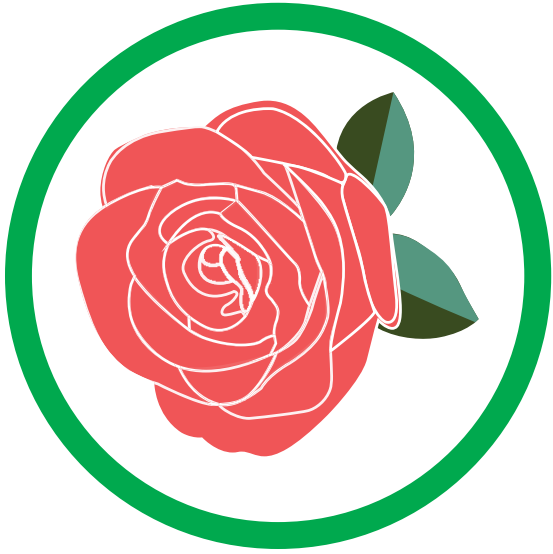
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Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

ROSE Award

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

FOR EARNING THE GSHCC ROSE AWARD



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the Girl Scout 10 Year Pin

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

RECOGNIZING 10 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUT MEMBERSHIP



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Honoring Local Excellence: Ceremony Script

EMCEE:

Good Afternoon, my name is [Your Name], and I would like to welcome you to [your SU's name]'s Awards Ceremony as we join together to celebrate amazing young women who have worked so hard and accomplished so much. Today we are recognizing girls from our region who have earned their Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, Gold, Rose and Bridge to Girl Scout Adult awards. For the enjoyment of others, we ask that you please hold your applause until every girl's name has been read for that award. Also, now is a great time to turn off or mute cell phones and note the emergency exits, in the event we need to evacuate the building. We will now start our ceremony with a presentation of the colors.

Color Guard Caller walks to podium

CALLER: Color Guard Presentation of Colors

Girl Scouts, please rise for the presentation of the colors!

Color guard attention! Color guard advance!

Girl Scouts, the flag of our country.

Please join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please join me now in saying the Girl Scout Promise.

Color guard dismissed! Girl Scouts, you may be seated.

EMCEE:

Thank you Color Guard.

All girls being honored at this ceremony have something in common; the desire to make a difference. Today we celebrate these amazing young women and share the positive changes made in their communities through their Take Action projects.

I would now like to invite [if you have a speaker, insert name here] to the stage, and ask her to share a few words with us.

Speaker Address: Add Speaker's Speech here

(Emcee then takes the stage to introduce the Bronze awards)

Emcee walks to the podium; another individual will read names from side of stage

Emcee returns to podium

EMCEE: GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARDS

Thank you, [Speaker]. It is my honor to begin by presenting the Girl Scout Bronze Awards, the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. This award involves researching and identifying community issues and developing and implementing a 20-hour project that addresses a community need. Girls, when you hear your name called, please walk across the stage to receive your pin.

CALL NAMES one at a time

2 individuals: Present certificates and shake hands with girls as they cross the stage.

Emcee returns to podium

EMCEE: GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARDS

It is my honor to now presenting the Girl Scout Silver Awards, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. This award involves researching and identifying community issues and developing and implementing a 50-hour project that addresses a community need. Girls, when you hear your name called, please walk across the stage to receive your pin.

CALL NAMES one at a time

2 individuals: Present certificates and shake hands with girls as they cross the stage.

Emcee returns to podium

EMCEE: INTRO GIRL GUEST SPEAKER

Congratulations, girls. We will now pause and hear from [a Higher Awards earner from your Service Unit], who earned her [put award here]. Please join me in welcoming [Name].

[Name] walks to the podium

Guest Speaker

Insert speech

Emcee returns to podium

EMCEE: GIRL SCOUT ROSE AWARDS

Thank you, [Name], for sharing your experiences with us. We are so proud of everything that you have accomplished.

The opportunity to make a real difference in your community is one of the many benefits of pursuing the highest awards in Girl Scouting and we are so proud of your achievement.

I would like to now present the GSHCC Rose awards. This award was created by high school Girl Scouts in our council to recognize and promote leadership and learning in areas such as service, wellness, career exploration and values and ethics as they relate to the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

CALL NAMES one at a time

2 individuals: Present certificates and shake hands with girls as they cross the stage.

Emcee returns to podium

EMCEE: GIRL SCOUT BRIDGE TO ADULT AWARDS

They say "Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout." Whether you have been involved in our movement for one year or 12, there is always more learning, sharing and community building to do as a part of Girl Scouting. As you complete your Ambassador year in Girl Scouting, you are invited to enter the adult phase of Girl Scout membership.

As these young women get ready to enter the world of Girl Scouts as adults, they learned the various roles adults have in Girl Scouts, including volunteer and professional positions, the structure of the organization and the training opportunities open to adult volunteers. Congratulations to all of you bridging to Girl Scout Adults.

Ladies, come across the stage as we call your name.

CALL NAMES one at a time

2 individuals: Present certificates and shake hands with girls as they cross the stage.

Emcee returns to podium

EMCEE: Intro to GS Gold Award

The time has come to present the Girl Scout Gold Award. The highest award in Girl Scouting, this prestigious award requires leadership, perseverance and hard work to be accomplished and is considered the most challenging, but rewarding, experience in Girl Scouting. To earn this award, each girl must start by completing two Girl Scout Journeys or complete one Journey and have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Girls then develop and implement a unique Take Action project focused around a community issue. Girls are asked to discover the world around them, connect their beliefs and ideas to what they find, and create and implement a project that takes action to address the root causes of that issue. These young women devoted many hours to bettering their communities and left a lasting impact as a result.

Each girl who has earned a Girl Scout Gold Award this year will tell us a little about her efforts.

CALL NAMES one at a time

2 individuals: Present certificates and shake hands with girls as they cross the stage.

Gold Award Summaries: Girls briefly summarize their own award.

Emcee returns to podium

EMCEE:

Congratulations, ladies, and thank you for sharing with us your work and passion. May you be an inspiration to everyone here today and encourage others to go for the Gold. Can we give a final round of applause to all of our hard working Gold Awardees.

ADVISOR THANK YOU AND CLOSING

As Girl Scouts, we know that no one succeeds alone. Each young woman recognized today achieved her goals through hard work and perseverance, and yet we know that their success would not be possible without the support of mentors, parents, friends and fellow Girl Scouts who have helped guide the way.

At this time we ask that all the advisors, leaders and parents please stand so that we can acknowledge you, your time and efforts with a round of applause.

(applause)

We hope that you have enjoyed the ceremony. Thank you to all of the time and dedication in making this event come to life.

Congratulations, once again to all of the girls today on their tremendous achievements. After over 105 years of Girl Scouting, we are proud to carry on the tradition of building girls of courage, confidence and character who actively make the world a better place.



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Dear [Name of Official/Councilmember],

Girl Scouts unleashes the **G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)**™ in every girl, preparing her for a lifetime of leadership—from taking a night-time hike under the stars to accepting a mission on the International Space Station; from lobbying the city council with her troop to holding a seat in Congress; from running her own cookie business today to tackling cybersecurity tomorrow.

Our **Girl Scout Leadership Experience** is a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, with proven results. It is based on time-tested methods and research-backed programming that help girls take the lead—in their own lives and in the world. Girl Scouts is a place where she'll practice different skills, explore her potential, take on leadership positions—and even feel allowed to fail, dust herself off, get up, and try again.

We are reaching out to let you know that a girl/group of girls in our region recently earned the [Name of Award(s) Here]. As a local service unit of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California, we wanted to ensure that you are aware of the many leadership development and community service projects completed in our area that are done by our girls, and can speak to our focus on bettering our local communities. For your convenience, we have attached a guide to our higher awards to this letter to give you a better idea of the requirements for each award.

Encouraging and supporting girls' desires to better their local communities is central to our mission, and we can think of no better way to support and recognize our girls' achievements than by sharing their accomplishments with you. We would greatly appreciate a formal recognition of our girl's hard work and perseverance from you/your council/your office [select the option that suits the addressee].

For more information, please contact our service unit at [Preferred Contact Info Here]. The work that our girls do is meaningful to us and our communities, and recognizing and celebrating our girls' achievements is an integral part of what we do here at Girl Scouts. We appreciate your consideration of our girl members and the work that they do to make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

Your Name

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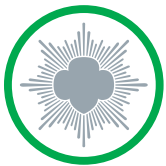
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Higher Awards at a Glance



The Girl Scout Bronze Award

The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn. Girls work as a troop to plan and complete a 20-hour Take Action project that addresses a community issue they feel passionately about. Along the way, they meet new people and have the kind of fun only girls working to make a difference can have!



The Girl Scout Silver Award

Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn—gives girls the chance to show that they are leaders who are organized, determined, and dedicated to improving their communities. Each girl completes a 50 hour project, either as part of a small team of Cadettes or on her own, that addresses a community issue and helps provide lasting, sustainable solutions to real-world problems. Earning the award puts earners among an exceptional group of girls who have used their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference in the world.



The Girl Scout Gold Award

Open to girls in high school only, the Girl Scout Gold Award is the most prestigious award in the world for girls (and the most difficult to earn), and it's available exclusively to Girl Scouts.

When girls earn the Gold Award, they can tackle the issues most important to them. Gold Award Girl Scouts are inspiring leaders who are working on a broad range of the most challenging problems facing our world today—from human trafficking to ocean pollution to education access to expanded STEM training for girls in underserved communities.

By the time girls put the final touches on their Gold Awards, they'll have taken seven steps to develop a lasting solution to the challenge they've tackled. As a Gold Award Girl Scout, girls also have access to college scholarships just for Gold Award girls—and they automatically rise one rank in any military branch they choose to join.



The Rose Award

The Rose Award was created by Girl Scout Seniors in our council with the intent to recognize and promote leadership and learning in several different areas including, but not limited to: values and ethics, service to others, career exploration and independent living skills. This award is unique to Girl Scouts Heart of Central California! Girls who earn the Rose Award are well-rounded, educated citizens of their communities and the greater world around them.



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Dear [Name of Media Contact],

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Dear [Name],

Congratulations on earning the [award girl is being recognized for]! You have brought honor to yourself and our service unit and are showcasing the best of Girl Scouting to your friends, family and community.

We are proud of you and impressed with the determination you have shown to reach your goals. You've developed new skills, become a leader and confirmed your commitment to service. We know that you have learned so much along your journey this far through Girl Scouting, and hope that you take these valuable lesson along with you wherever your journey takes you next.

[Add a personalized note about what the award the girl is being recognized for is and how it will help them in the future. For example, a letter for Silver Award girls can talk about how they can take their skills to the next level with the Gold Award; a Gold Award letter can talk about how they will use their skills in their adult lives. This is your chance to show girls your individual belief that they will do great things!]

Again, congratulations on your fabulous achievement, and we look forward to seeing what you will do next!

Sincerely,

Coordinator's Name

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Let the Girl Scout Shop help you recognize your Higher Awards earners!

Your girls have worked hard to accomplish their awards, and the Girl Scout Shop would love to help you give them a token of appreciation for their hard work. If you are interested in finding recognition gifts for your girls, the shop is happy to help!

You can visit either of our GSHCC Girl Scout Shops, where staff can show you the latest recognition options available and help you find a gift within your budget. Our locations are:

Sacramento Girl Scout Shop

Tuesday–Saturday 10am–6pm

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Modesto Girl Scout Shop

Monday–Friday 8:30 am–5:30pm and first Saturday of the month 10am–2pm

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If you are unable to visit any of our shop locations, you can shop the Online Store at girlscoutshop.com/HEART-OF-CENTRAL-CALIFORNIA-COUNCIL, or email the shop directly at girlscoutshop@girlscoutshcc.org. You can browse the latest recognition items available and ask for recommendations based on budget and availability.