

Girl Scout Silver Award Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does the time that I spend working on my Journey count towards the suggested minimum hours for the Take Action Project?

A: No. After you have completed your Journey you will then begin recording your hours to reach the recommended 50 hours for your Take Action Project.

Q: Does the time I spend working on Interest Projects or Studio 2B books count towards the hours required for my Silver Award Take Action Project?

A: No. You are encouraged to work on Interest Projects or Studio 2B books to find out what you are interested in and passionate about. From research and projects you do with these you may decide on a great Take Action Project! Research hours for your project can count and should be recorded on the Take Action Project Time Log.

Q: Can an entire troop or group work on a Girl Scout Silver Award Take Action Project?

A: Girls may work as a small group on a Girl Scout Silver Award. We recommend that groups not exceed four girls. If a group of girls chooses to work together, each girl must have a distinct leadership role within the Take Action Project. Each girl will be required to submit a Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report that explains her specific reflection on the Take Action Project. Keep in mind that friends who are not Girl Scouts can also be a great help as team members of a Take Action Project- keep your eyes open for anyone who shares your passions!

Q: Can girls begin working on their awards the summer after they bridge (transition) from one Girl Scout level to the next?

A: Yes. Girls can begin to earn the awards over the summer.

Q: How is the Girl Scout Silver Award Take Action project different from the Journey Take Action project?

A: In contrast to Journey Take Action projects, which give girls themes on which to base their Journey Take Action project, the Girl Scout Award Take Action projects have no pre-designed theme. Girls select their own theme, design, and execute their Take Action project.

Q: How long does a girl have to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award?

A: Girls can start working on their award starting the summer between fifth and sixth grade and must be finished with a final report turned in to council by September 30th of the year they enter ninth grade.

For more award information please visit:

www.girlscouts.org/highestawards Both the Girl Guidelines and Adult Guide are available.

Be sure to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report and mail that to the Program specialist overseeing the Girl Scout Silver Award at: 6601 Elvas Ave Sacramento, CA 95819

Now celebrate your accomplishment! You took the challenge and made a difference in your world! You will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony to recognize Girl Scout's highest award recipients.

DEADLINES

September 30th of ninth (9th) grade: The deadline to turn in a copy of the Final Report to earn the G.S. Silver Award.

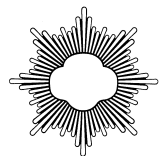
March 20th: The deadline to turn in a copy of the Final Report to participate in that year's May ceremony.

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

Girl Scout Silver Award Project ADULT ADVISOR Acknowledgement

Please have your adult advisor mark each box as necessary and sign bottom of page acknowledging how they have overseen your project. One advisor agreement may be submitted with several girl reports for girls who worked on a team project.

- I have read GSUSA's Silver Award Adult Guide (available at www.girlscouts.org/highestawards) and understand its recommendations.
- The project addressed a valid need outside of the Girl Scout community.
- The project was created and implemented by girl(s). I provided guidance and help with problem solving.
- The project involved responsibility and leadership. Girls were in charge of every aspect of the project, and they were responsible for its success.
- The Team understood their commitment and individual contributions to the project.
- Each girl involved in this project put in approximately 50 hours.
- The timeline for the project was realistic and allowed for thorough completion and leadership opportunities for each girl involved.
- The project budget was zero based and the final budget report shows descriptions and costs of all items, *including donations*.
- I consulted *Safety Activity Checkpoints* regarding the project.
- Funds were earned in ways appropriate for Girl Scouts and following the guidelines of *Volunteer Essentials*. All fundraising activities were discussed with our service unit and all proper Event Planning and Money Earning forms were turned in to the Service Unit Manager.
- Prepare 2B Ready* training or *Risk Management/Event Planning* training was taken (if necessary) and Girl Scout Additional Insurance and an adult First Aider (over 18 years of age) were secured (if necessary).
- The following deadlines are understood:
March 20th – Deadline to submit a final project report for each girl for her to receive her Girl Scout Silver Award at the awards ceremony the following May.
September 30th of the year they enter 9th grade - The last chance to submit a final project report to be recognized as earning the Girl Scout Silver Award by GSUSA and Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.
- I have attended a *Girl Scout Silver Award* class. *This step is optional yet highly recommended.*
- I understand that this report process is necessary for earning the highest award given to a Girl Scout Cadette in the USA and that it has been established to uphold the quality and integrity of these standards.
- I understand that in order to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award each girl must complete and turn in an individual Girl Scout Silver Award final report specifically outlining her individual leadership role in the project and include a final budget and timeline. Those papers are attached for each girl who worked on this project.
- I clarified any questions with the Silver Award program specialist for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (silveraward@girlscoutshcc.org)



Adult Advisor's Signature

Date

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Girl Scout Silver Award Report Form

MAKE COPIES BEFORE RETURNING ORIGINAL PROJECT REPORT

TO:

Program Specialist – Girl Scout Silver Awards
Girl Scouts Heart of Central California
6601 Elvas Ave, Sacramento, CA 95819

Each Girl Scout must complete this form typed individually, reporting on their specific contributions and highlighting their leadership role within the project. Make a copy for your Troop/Group Volunteer and a copy to submit to council. Keep the original for yourself. This form must be submitted by **March 20** to receive the award at the Recognition of Excellence in **May**.

Name _____ Date: _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Service Unit _____ Grade _____ School _____

Trained Troop/Group Volunteer: _____ Troop/Group Number _____

Troop Volunteer's Phone (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Optional:

Additional Silver Award Project Advisor: _____

Project Advisor's Phone (____) _____ E-mail: _____

This information will be used by the council office to secure acknowledgements from the following officials regarding your award.

I live in the _____ district of the California State Assembly.

The name of my state representative is: _____

How did you verify? _____

I live in the _____ district of the California State Senate.

The name of my state senator is: _____

How did you verify? _____

I live in the _____ district of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The name of my congressional representative is: _____

How did you verify? _____

The Journey I completed was:

Name of Cadette Journey	Date Completed	Troop/Group Volunteer's signature

CHECK ONE:

I worked with a Girl Scout Silver Award Project Team. They are listed below:

Team Member	Registered Girl Scout?	Email	Role
	YES / NO		
	YES / NO		
	YES / NO		
	YES / NO		
	YES / NO		

OR I decided to go solo.

Please write a 750 word summary of the project from your point of view (attach on a separate sheet if needed):

The issue we (or I) decided to address was:

My Take Action Project benefited the following:

How?

I used my leadership skills by:

Other skills I used included:

I put the Girl Scout Promise and Law into action by:

My project will last/keep going because:

I shared my project by:

I think the best part of my project was:

If I could start my project over I would change:

- My Girl Scout Silver Award Take Action Project Time Log totaling approximately 50 hours is attached.
- My Girl Scout Silver Award Take Action Project Budget is attached.

PLEASE SIGN TO VERIFY ALL GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET

My Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Troop Advisor or Adult Volunteer _____ Date: _____

If additional Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor was used:

Signature of Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Girl Scout Silver Award Take Action Project Budget

Your budget is another thing that needs to be very detailed in nature. Be as specific as possible; your total income needs to equal your total expenses:

Expenses:

Site Fees	\$ _____
Promotion Costs (flyers, posters, etc.)	\$ _____
Office supplies (copies, stationery, name tags, etc.)	\$ _____
Telephone calls (long distance?)	\$ _____
Postage (correspondence, confirmations, etc.)	\$ _____
First Aid expenses	\$ _____
Project or Program Supplies	\$ _____
Paper Products (paper towels, cleanup supplies)	\$ _____
Transportation costs (gasoline, parking fees, etc.)	\$ _____
Insurance (nonmember insurance needed?)	\$ _____
Food & Beverages	\$ _____
Non-member insurance	\$ _____
Equipment (rental or purchased)	\$ _____
Miscellaneous (anything not covered above)	\$ _____
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$ _____

List who donated and the estimated cost of each donated item:

(Don't forget to send thank you cards.)

	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

List all money earning projects you had and how much you earned at each:

	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

TOTAL INCOME **\$ _____**

Please keep in mind that donations of goods are obtained for the beneficiaries of your award project, not for use by Girl Scouts Heart of Central California and as such GSHCC's Tax ID number cannot be used for reporting purposes to the donor. You may be able to ask for a letter from a nonprofit organization that is the beneficiary of your award project if donors are requesting recognition for tax purposes.

Applicant's Signature	Date	Troop/Project Advisor's Signature	Date