

Girl Scout Gold Award at a Glance

TRANSITION – THERE IS A 2 YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD. THESE GUIDELINES BECOME OFFICIAL IN OCTOBER 2011 (BEGINNING OF 2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). IF THE MAJORITY OF WORK WILL BE DONE DURING THE 2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR, THESE NEW GUIDELINES SHOULD BE USED. IN THE MEANTIME, GIRLS CAN CHOOSE EITHER OPTION. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE CLASSES FOR THIS YEAR (2009-2010) WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE “OLD” PROCESS.

*Adhere to guidelines in the Volunteer Packet and Safety-Wise

AWARDS	OLD GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD®	NEW GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD®
GRADE	Girls must be in 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade or be aged 14-18 and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador . Girls can work on the project portion, steps 5-7 only when they are in 10 th grade or ages 15-18.	Girls must be in 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete 3 Interest Projects, 1 Studio 2B Focus Book, earn the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award (30 hours), earn the Girl Scout Gold Career Award (40 hours), complete the Girl Scout Gold 4B's Challenge. ✓ Usually individually girl led; girl selects and recruits Project Advisor ✓ Project on a community issue the girl cares about ✓ Troop leader make act as advisor for Step 1-4. Help and guidance provided for project by Project Advisor. ✓ Minimum 65 hour project requirement. ✓ *Council approval needed for any money earning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) or Earn the Girl Scout Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey ✓ Individually girl led; girl selects and recruits Project Advisor ✓ Take action on a community issue the girl cares about ✓ Help and guidance provided by Project Advisor ✓ Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material (80 hours recommended minimum for researching issue, completing proposal and take action project). ✓ *Council approval needed for any money earning
TAKE ACTION PROJECT	Individual Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond. Three components requested. Puts the Promise and Law into action	Individual Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond. Puts the Promise and Law into action
SUSTAINABLE	Project must have a sustainable or “live on” component.	Take Action Project includes provisions to ensure sustainability.
GLOBAL		Girls identify national and/or global links to their selected issue. They learn from others and develop a plan to share the results of their project beyond the local community.
PROJECT APPROVAL	Council or Council's Gold Award Committee needs to approve “proposal” of project and also final project report.	Council or Council's Gold Award Committee needs to approve “proposal” of project and also final project report.
RESOURCES	Studio 2B Girl Scout Gold Award “Go For It!” Insert and Achieving Excellence binder. Information available on Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Web site www.girlscoutshcc.org Interest Project book. Studio 2B Focus books.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior and/or Ambassador Journeys • Gold Award guidelines on GSUSA Web site at http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gscentral/insignia/highest_awards/gold_award.html • Adult guide on GSUSA Web site

