

Girl Scout Silver 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 SILVER AWARD®	NEW GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD®
GRADE	Girls can do steps 1-4 when ages 11-14 or in grades 6-9. Girls must be age 12-14 or in grades 7-9 to do steps 5 & 6.	Girls must be in 6 th , 7 th , or 8 th grade and a registered Girl Scout Cadette
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Make an agreement with your adult advisor. You take the lead but advisor oversees. ✓ Earn 3 Interest Projects ✓ Earn the charm for STUDIO 2B Focus <i>uniquely ME! The Real Deal</i> ✓ Spend 15 hours in one or more leadership roles. ✓ Earn the Girl Scout Silver Career Award ✓ Earn the Your Own Business IP Award ✓ Earn the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge. ✓ Take action on a community issue ✓ Each girl needs to put in a minimum of 40 hours on the project. ✓ *Council approval needed for proposal & any money earning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer ✓ Complete a Cadette Journey ✓ Work as an individual or in a small group where girls take the lead ✓ Take action on a community issue that the girls care about ✓ Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material (50 hours minimum) ✓ *Council approval needed for any money earning
TAKE ACTION PROJECT	Individual or group Take Action Project that focused on a community issue and offers 2-3 actions to better the problem. Can be done inside or outside the Girl Scout community. Girls are advised to work individually.	Individual or group Take Action Project that makes the local neighborhood or community better. Puts the Promise and Law into action
SUSTAINABLE		Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.
GLOBAL		Girls connect with new friends outside their immediate community, learn how others have solved similar problems and determine if the ideas of others can help with their plan.
PROJECT APPROVAL	1.Council Or 2. Advisor if Go for It Silver: Part 1 class is taken by girl after 10/01/07 AND Go for It: Advisor class is taken by advisor after 10/1/07.	Troop/Group Volunteer
RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest Project book • Studio 2B Go for It Silver insert focus book • Looking In Reaching Out and Uniquely Me! The Real Deal focus books • Silver Award Workbook on the www.girlscoutshcc.org Web site at http://www.girlscoutshcc.org/gshccadmin/site1/girlscouts/girlscouts/cadetteSilverAward.asp • Council offered classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadette Journey • Silver Award guidelines on GSUSA Web site at http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/highest_awards/silver_award.html • Adult guide on GSUSA Web site • Council learning opportunities