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400+ California Girl Scouts Earn the Prestigious Gold Award in 2024
Gold Award Girl Scouts from California spent more than 32,000 collective hours making a positive, lasting impact in their communities.

California — Eight Girl Scout councils from the Golden State are proud to introduce 415 Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors, girls in grades nine through twelve, as the class of 2024 Gold Award Girl Scouts. Collectively, these remarkable teenagers spent more than 33,000 hours completing the Gold Award—the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

To earn the Gold Award, each Girl Scout identifies an issue they care about, innovates an actionable solution, and dedicates a minimum of 80 service hours toward the project. A unique requirement of this prestigious award is the element of sustainability, as each Gold Award project must create a measurable, long-term impact that lasts after the project reaches completion.

Since its introduction in 1980, the Girl Scout Gold Award has been recognized across industries and sectors. This highly regarded and notable feat unlocks new opportunities for Girl Scouts who earn it, like standing out in the college admissions process, receiving scholarships, or enlisting in the military at a higher pay grade. The Gold Award is the mark of an inspiring leader.

The state of California is comprised of the following eight councils: Girl Scouts Heart of Central California, Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast, Girl Scouts of Central California South, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, Girl Scouts of Northern California, Girl Scouts of Orange County, Girl Scouts of San Geronio, and Girl Scouts San Diego. Collectively, the nonprofits serve 123,010 girls and 78,882 adult members in California.

This year, Gold Award Girl Scouts from California made their mark with Take Action projects that addressed critical topics*:

- 16.9% focused on mental health
- 33.0% focused on civic engagement and advocacy issues
- 5.10% focused on diversity, equity, inclusion, racial justice issues (DEIRJ)
- 14.2% focused on environment and sustainability

**topic themes overlap*

“Giving back and making the world a better place are foundational pillars of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience,” **said Dr. Linda E. Farley, along with seven CA Girl Scout CEOs.** “By laying the building blocks of community service at an early age, Girl Scouts begin Take Action projects as young as five years old. Each year, we see our girls grow in leadership and further establish a sense of well-being and identity as they continue making bigger waves in their communities through service projects and the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. We are so proud of their accomplishments and are eager to see who they will become in the future. This is only the beginning for Gold Award Girl Scouts.”

To learn more about the Gold Award, visit girlscouts.org/goldaward. For more information about Girl Scouts Heart of Central California and its highest awards programs, visit girlscoutshcc.org/highestawards.

Download the California Gold Award Girl Scout Fact Sheet [here](#).

About Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

GSHCC is dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Through various programs and initiatives, the organization empowers girls to take the lead in their lives and communities.

Headquartered in Sacramento, GSHCC serves over 16,000 girl and adult members across 18 counties including: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yuba, and Yolo.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. To join us, volunteer, reconnect, or donate, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org.

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