



# girl scouts bronze award

## FAQ

### Key Dates

- Girls can begin working on their awards the summer after they bridge from one Girl Scout level to the next.
- **September 30:** Absolute last day for bridging Juniors to submit their Bronze Award Final Report.
- **March 31:** All Bronze Award finals submitted by this date will be invited to that year's Gold Award Ceremony. Finals submitted after this date, will be invited to the following year's ceremony.

### What are the prerequisites?

Before beginning the Bronze Award girls must:

- Complete 1 age level Journey
- *Recommended:* Attend a Bronze Award workshop/ webinar

### Why are journeys required?

Journeys give girls a full experience of what they will do as they work to earn the Bronze Award. The skills girls gain while working on the journeys will help them develop, plan and implement their high award project.

### Do Girls have to complete their Bronze Award if they want to do the Silver or Gold Award in the future?

Not at all! Each award is set up as a progression but if they happen to miss earning a particular award, they can still complete the next level award.

### How many hours does it take to earn the Bronze Award?

The time it takes to earn the awards will depend on the nature of the project, the size of the team and the support of the community. Quality projects should be emphasized over quantity of hours. After the journey requirement is fulfilled, the minimum number of hours to complete a quality Bronze Award project is 20 hours.

### How many girls can work on a Bronze Award project?

Each award level brings a new progression of leadership development and each award level has different group guidelines. At the Bronze Award level girls can work in a group with up to 11 other Juniors.

### Can a girl earn the Bronze Award if she is an Individually Registered Member (called a Juliette), and not affiliated with a troop?

Yes. Earning the Bronze Award is a team experience for a group of Juniors. If the girl is an Individually Registered Member, she will need to partner with other Individually Registered Members, a troop, or a group of friends which can include non-Girl Scouts who may want to join Girl Scouting. Working as part of a team is essential to the leadership development learned through the Bronze Award process.

### **Do plans need to be submitted to council prior to beginning?**

Prior approval by council is not needed, but you are welcome to run any potential projects by the council staff member who handles the Bronze Award. Final reports must be submitted to council for review and approval in order to receive your council-purchased Bronze Pin. Please arrange for pick-up of pins at the Leadership center with High Awards Coordinator.

### **Can Bronze Award projects benefit Girl Scouts and/ or the camps?**

Yes GSUSA released in Oct. 2019 that all high awards can now benefit Girl Scouting. However, at the Silver Award level it is expected that girls will also advocate for their project outside of Girl Scouting as well as within. To do a project benefitting GSWCF please have girls fill out the "[Highest Awards Project proposal at camp](#)" form and submit to High Awards Coordinator.

### **What is the difference between a Take Action project and community service?**

Take Action and community service projects are different, and both are essential to Girl Scouting. When you earn the Bronze Award, you bring the Girl Scout Law to life! Community service projects are acts of kindness and important ways to help something or someone right now. They are commonly "one and done" activities. Performing community service almost always multiplies efforts that are already in place. Examples include collecting food for an existing food pantry, providing clothing or toiletries to people who have suffered a disaster, cleaning up a run-down playground, or picking up trash at a park, forest, or beach. Girl Scout Take Action projects address an issue by tackling the factors that cause or contribute to it. As you may expect, these projects have a far-reaching impact. They are designed to change something for the better—forever.

### **Who's who?**

GS Advisor- GS Advisors are adults that have taken the Take Action for Adults webinar in GSLearn. They can help make sure the Bronze Award prerequisites have been met and may also agree to be a part of the volunteer team. They assist with the Girl Scout side of the process- funding, safety, and travel guidelines just to name a few.

### **Can girls fundraise for their projects?**

Yes! For more information about the policies, ideas, and forms, visit: [Supplemental Earning Form](#) & Money Earning Form.

### **What is sustainability?**

Sustainability means that the project, as well as the work towards addressing the root cause of their chosen issue, carries on or continues even after the girls' involvement. At the Bronze Award level, projects do not have to be sustainable. Girls *are* expected to learn this concept and identify ways their projects could be sustainable in their final paperwork.

