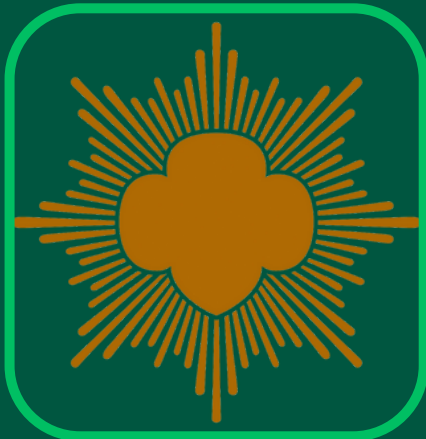


# High Awards Fact Sheet


















The High Awards- the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards- are leadership awards for Take Action projects that address the root cause of a community issue with a sustainable and measurable solution.

## Take Action Projects:

Do you know the difference between a community service project and a Take Action project?

Community Service	Take Action Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addresses an immediate need</li><li>• Done for the community</li><li>• Short term solution</li><li>• Improves the situation for some people right now</li><li>• Sometimes measurable</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addresses the root cause of a problem</li><li>• Done with the community, not for the community</li><li>• Creates a lasting impact in the community</li><li>• Ensures sustainability long after the Girl Scout's involvement</li><li>• Measurable benefits</li></ul>

# Components of a High Awards Project

	Advocacy Leadership Volunteers	Root Cause	Sustainable	Measurable	National and/or Global Link	
<b>Bronze</b> Juniors						 Required
<b>Silver</b> Cadettes						 Try It!
<b>Gold</b> Seniors/Ambassadors						

- Root Cause- What is the issue and why is it happening? Decide on one root cause of a problem and create a solution to make it better.
- Leadership- Lead the way! How are you working with others, taking responsibility, and accomplishing your goals?
- Volunteers- Get helpers. Who do you know and how can they help you with your project? It is not a leader's job to work alone, but to delegate and ask for help.
- Advocacy- Tell others! How can you teach people about the issue and your project? Think of ways you can educate, inspire, and share your message.
- Sustainable- Create a lasting change and impact beyond your involvement.
- Measurable- Set goals to see how your project is making a difference.
- National/ Global Link- How does your project connect to the bigger issue. Research to see how other communities have tackled the same issue. What did they do and how could it influence your project?

# High Awards at a Glance

Bronze Award	Silver Award	Gold Award
Up to 12 Juniors	Up to 4 Cadettes	Individual but expected to recruit peers to help
20 hours per girl	50 hours per girl	80 hours
Preapproval not required	Silver Award Proposal is required. Only 10 hours of work allowed prior to proposal approval	Gold Award Proposal is required via GoGold. Only 20 hours of work allowed prior to proposal approval
Project Advisor* is not required	Project Advisor* is highly recommended	Project Advisor* is required. A Gold Award Coach will be assigned to you by council
Bronze Award Final Report required	Silver Award Final Report required	Gold Award Final Report required via GoGold
**Project budget not to exceed \$750	**Project budget not to exceed \$5,000 If over \$2,000 must be reviewed by council	**Project budget has no limit. Reviewed by council

\*Project Advisors are a specialist in the field and cannot be a parent or troop leader

\*\*Please see the Supplemental Earning for High Awards form on our council site for more info

# Important Dates

Please note, that projects done at camp or benefitting Girl Scouts require council preapproval. This must be completed prior to starting the project and before submitting their Silver or Gold Award Proposal.

## March

All final reports submitted by March 1st are included in that year's ceremony. Submissions after this date will be celebrated in the following year's ceremony.

## April

Recommended last day for bridging Cadettes and graduating Ambassadors to submit their proposals.

## July

Absolute last day for bridging Cadettes and graduating Ambassadors to submit their proposals.

## Sept.

GSUSA Deadline!  
All final reports due for Bronze, Silver, and Gold.