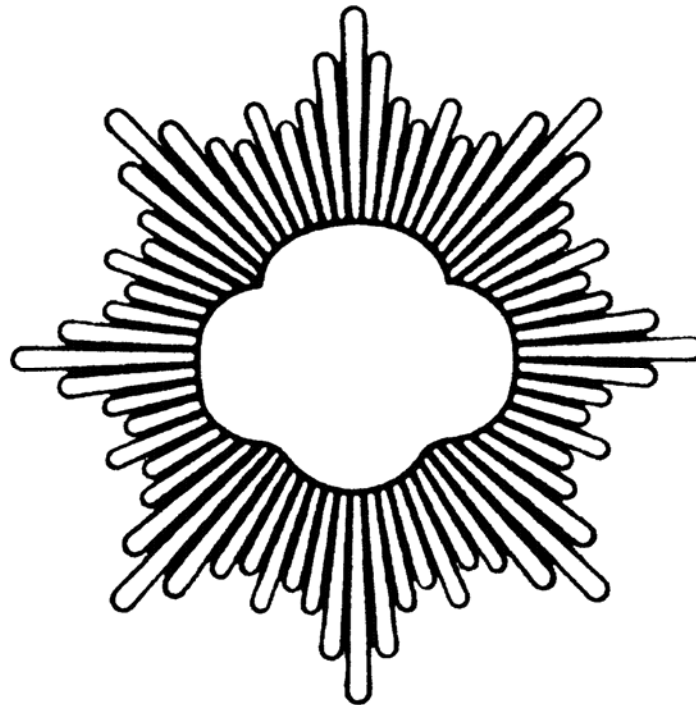


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GO FOR IT!

**GIRL SCOUT
SILVER AWARD**

Girl Scouting's Highest Award for a Girl Scout Cadette

Become, Belong, Believe, Build



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Girl Scout Silver Award

Highest Award for a Girl Scout Cadette



The Girl Scout Silver Award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. The first four requirements of the Girl Scout Silver Award help girls build skills, explore careers, gain leadership skills, and make a commitment to self-improvement.

The Girl Scout Silver Award Project can be undertaken when the first four requirements are completed. It can be done as an individual or with a group. If done with a group, a girl must be responsible for a specific part of the project and evaluate her contribution to the project and the group.

Requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award

A girl must be 11 or going into the sixth grade to begin work on STEPS 1-4 of her Girl Scout Silver Award. She must be 12 or going into the seventh grade to start work on STEPS 5 and 6 of the Girl Scout Silver Award Project. She must complete STEPS 5 and 6 by age 14 or before the start of the 10th grade.

STEP 1: GET READY

Read *Go for It! The Girl Scout Silver Award* STUDIO 2B insert.

Meet with advisor and develop a timeline for STEPS 2-4.

Make an agreement with adult advisor.

STEP 2: GIRL SCOUT SILVER LEADERSHIP AWARD (charm)

Earn three Interest Project Awards found in *Interest Projects for Girls 11-17* related to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Earn the STUDIO 2B Focus: *uniquely me! The Real Deal* charm.

Put leadership into action: spend 15 hours in a leadership role.

Use the *Go for It! The Girl Scout Silver Award* STUDIO 2B insert to keep records and a journal for discussion with advisor.

STEP 3: THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER CAREER AWARD CHARM

What's Out There?

Who's Out There?

Be Your Own Boss—Earn "Your Own Business" Interest Project Award

Use *Go for It! The Girl Scout Silver Award* STUDIO 2B insert to "journal it" for discussion with advisor.

STEP 4: THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER 4Bs CHALLENGE CHARM

Become: Set goals for self-improvement.

Belong: Earn the charm from the STUDIO 2B Focus book: *Looking in, Reaching Out*.

Believe: Identify an issue in school or community that you feel strongly about. Find out more about it. Use your voice to address it.

Build: Focus on coming up with a solution to address a problem.

Use *Go for It! The Girl Scout Silver Award* STUDIO 2B insert to "journal it" for discussion with advisor.

Note: Planning hours for the Silver 4Bs Challenge may be applied to the Girl Scout Silver Award hours in STEP 5.

STEP 5: THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT

Plan It

Know More About It

Choose It

Map It

Adjust plans if necessary

Do It! The project should:

- Take approximately 40 hours to complete (including planning time)
- Provide community service (must reach out to the community in some way)
- Be approved by your leader or advisor.

Note: Permission for any money-earning related to project must be obtained from Girl Scout council.

STEP 6: THINK ABOUT IT

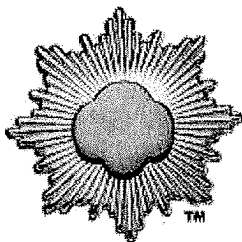
After reading *Go for It! The Girl Scout Silver Award* STUDIO 2B insert, evaluate your project with your advisor. Submit the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report to the Raleigh Service Center and use it as an evaluation guideline.

Do's and Don'ts

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask an adult to be your project advisor (consider someone with expertise in your project content). • Follow all national and council guidelines for fundraising. • Follow all safety-guidelines found in <i>Safety-Wise</i>. • Be able to document your unique role, hours, and accomplishments if working with a group on the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be afraid to do an individual project following your own interests. • Be afraid to use resource people whose knowledge or careers can make your Girl Scout Silver Award the best that it can be. • Submit a plan to the council for council approval—your project can be approved by your Troop or group advisor and Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor. • Feel you need to have earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award in order to work on this award. • Feel like you have to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award in order to "go for the Gold" at the next age-level.

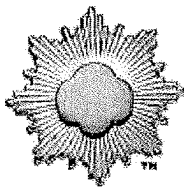
Completion

Evaluate your project with your Girl Scout Silver Award advisor. Submit the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report form to the Raleigh Service Center in accordance with established due dates in the *GO!* magazine (first business day of each month).



Benefits of Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award

1. The Girl Scout Silver Award is recognized as the second highest award in Girl Scouting. It is a national award with national standards, awarded by your council on behalf of Girl Scouts of the USA.
2. You are recognized as a future community leader if you have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award as an individual or as part of a group.
3. Although you don't have to do the Girl Scout Silver Award before going for the Girl Scout Gold Award, going for the Girl Scout Silver Award develops skills that will allow you to stretch in going for the Girl Scout Gold Award.
4. You'll find yourself supported by the community while on your quest for leadership in many ways. Being a Girl Scout will open many doors.
5. Having your family members pitch in to help with your project can be fun! It can be a positive time spent working together.
6. Believe it or not, younger girls will look up to you when you earn that award. Are you prepared to help mentor someone?
7. Learning to work closely with a group to accomplish your goal for the community can be a lesson in cooperation, leadership, and compromise. Teamwork is a skill that goes beyond the sports field.
8. Working on a Girl Scout Silver Award is a safe way to build your leadership skills while acting on a community issue you really care about.
9. You will build skills and expand your knowledge. Who knows what you can accomplish before you set the goal and go for it!
10. You will create change in the world around you.

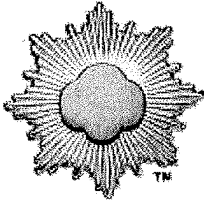


From Good to Great: Successful Girl Scout Silver Award Projects

One of the roles of the troop/group advisor and Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor is to help a girl or group of girls move a project that may be a good idea to a great idea. It is important to differentiate between a community service project and a Girl Scout Silver Award project. The later should involve planning and individual opportunities for leadership and decision making. When working on a group project, each girl needs to play an individual role. Here are several activities that start as good service projects, but with some careful coaching, have moved into the caliber of Girl Scout Silver Award project.

Good Service Project?	GREAT Girl Scout Silver Award Project!
Volunteering many hours at a park site picking up litter.	Working with the park to establish an ongoing "Junior Ranger" Program for neighborhood children during the summer and weekends.
Working at the local library doing children's story hours.	Creating an after school reading program for a homeless shelter after meeting with the children and establishing needs – building bookshelves and selecting books from donations.
Sewing pillows for very ill children in a hospital.	Assessing needs for the children's hospital with administration and children. Teaching younger girls to sew "keeper pillows" and special head covers for ill children in several hospitals.
Planting flowers with a group in a park during a community service day.	Organizing a community clean-up, beautification day and BBQ that becomes an annual event involving businesses and families. Planting window boxes, painting porches and cleaning up vacant lots are some of the completed tasks.

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Ways Parent/Guardians Can Support Girls Working on Girl Scout Silver Awards

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting that girls 11-14 can earn. It represents a girl's commitment to herself and to her community, as she focuses on leadership, career exploration, personal challenges and completing a project that will benefit her community. It takes many hours of preparation, planning and work to accomplish the goals a girl has set for herself.

Parents/guardians play a significant role in supporting a girl's path to the Girl Scout Silver Award. As a parent you may be called upon to be coach, mentor, cheerleader, sounding board and chauffeur.

As a parent, you are not expected to be a taskmaster - this is the girl's project. However, you can assist a girl by:

- Reading through the materials provided to girls regarding these awards so that you feel comfortable offering support
- Encouraging and supporting her, but not pressuring her. "Going for the Silver" is something that a girl has to want to do herself.
- Helping her choose a topic that will become the basis for her project if she asks for ideas. Remember, however, that the topic is based on her passions, not yours.
- Aiding her in accessing a network of adults who can lend insight, provide contacts, and point to resources. You may work with someone who has just the skill set your daughter needs in an advisor, or someone who belongs to a service club that your daughter and her advisor can approach for financial assistance.
- Supporting a girl in following any Girl Scout safety or money earning guidelines during her path to the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is important to assure the safety of your daughter and the integrity of the Girl Scout program.
- Allowing your daughter to stumble and learn the lessons that come with the Girl Scout Silver Award project. She will have a Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor, an adult who has been trained to assist her in partnership and her troop/group advisor.
- Realizing that your daughter is capable, competent and worthy of respect as she assumes more responsibilities within her community. Provide her with positive and constructive support on this journey.
- Attending the event if it is appropriate, and joining in the celebration as your daughter is honored for her accomplishments.

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Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report

Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines
c/o Girl Scout Silver Award
P.O. Box 91649, Raleigh, NC 27675-1649

Please fill out using a word processing program, type or print in black ink. Remember to make copies for you, your Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor, and your troop/group advisor. Submit original in accordance with established due dates in the GO! magazine (first business day of each month).

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Your Email: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____ School Year: _____ School: _____

STEP 1: GET READY – Adult Support

Troop Advisor: _____ Troop/Group Number: _____

Troop Advisor's Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Troop Advisor's Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor: _____

Project Advisor's Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Project Advisor's Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

***** Attach copy of timeline developed by you and your advisor.**

STEP 2: GIRL SCOUT SILVER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Activities	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
1. Earn It:		
IP:		
IP:		
IP:		
2. Believe It:		
STUDIO 2B Focus book: <i>uniquely Me! The Real Deal</i>		
3. Lead It: (15 hours) Describe:		

STEP 3: GIRL SCOUT SILVER CAREER AWARD

	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
What's out there?		
Who's out there?		
Your Own Business Interest Project Award		

STEP 4: GIRL SCOUT SILVER 4Bs AWARD

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
1. Become:		
2. Belong: STUDIO 2B Focus Book: Looking In, Reaching Out		
3. Believe Issue: How did you use your voice?		
4. Build: Describe your solution:		

STEP 5: GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT (Please attach additional pages to respond to the questions.)

Title of Project: _____

Start date: _____ Completion date: _____

- A. Describe the issue your project addressed, what you achieved, and who benefited.
- B. Discuss the reasons for selecting this project.
- C. Outline your strengths, talents, and skills that you put into action.
- D. Describe the steps involved for putting your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment needed. (You can attach project plan.)
- E. Indicate methods and/or tools utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of your project?
- F. List the consultants and resources you used.
- G. Overall project expenses and how you met these costs (attach copy of budget sheet).

I have attached the following items:
 Girl Scout Time Log (PG104) Biographical Profile (PG127) Photos (head shot and action shot) – for press releases/publication

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Project Advisor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Troop Advisor's signature: _____ Date: _____

ACTIONS:	DATE:
Approved by Girl Scout Project Advisor:	
Awarded Girl Scout Silver Award:	

Briefly describe your Girl Scout Silver Award Project/Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

List the name(s) of your local newspaper(s).

If you would like to submit the press release to your school newspaper or parents (in-house) employment publication, please email Michelle Anysz at manysz@nccoastalpines.org for a copy.

Family Information

News media often want you to be identified as the "daughter of" or "ward of" named persons. Correct forms include "Mr. and Mrs. John E. Doe," "Jane and John Doe," or the name of one or the other parent or a guardian. Please give your preference below. Your signature below will also authorize consent that photographs of your daughter may be used by Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines to publicly recognize this achievement and promote the Girl Scout program.

Date this information given

Your signature

Parent/Guardian signature

"Bestowing" the Girl Scout Gold or Girl Scout Silver Award

Each of these Award pins is small and can be difficult to pin to the girl recipient's blouse, vest, or sash. Even if the presenter is very dexterous (and knows exactly where the Award should be placed), the audience really can't "witness" the conferral because of the pin's small size.

A simple and visually effective solution to this problem is to attach the Award pin to a ribbon which can be placed over the girl's head.

Directions

Materials: Good quality grosgrain ribbon, 1" to 1-1/2" wide: "Girl Scout" GREEN for Gold Awards, "Girl Scout" BLUE for Silver Awards.

Allow 36" (adjust to girl size) for each Award to be presented.

Matching thread; needle; scissors.

Construction: Match the ends of each length and cut straight across width of ribbon.

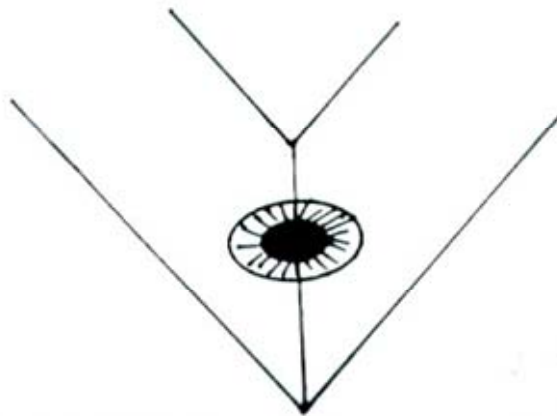
Fold one side of each end back across width to form a point.

Place the two "points" together, folded sides out.

Whip-stitch the "points" together.

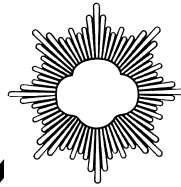
Reverse the sewn ribbon. Trim any edges of the now-underside folds that may show from the front.

Assembly: Pin the Award on the sewn ribbon so that it is centered on the "V"-shaped end. Double-check that safety-catch is in place.



At ceremony, presenter "confers" the award simply by placing ribbon over girl's head.

Go For It! The Girl Scout Silver Award



All steps must be completed by September 30th after the completion of 9th grade.

STEP 6

Think About It

- Evaluate your project with your adult advisor
- Submit Final Report to council

STEP 5

Girl Scout Silver Award Project

- Plan It
- Know more about it
- Do It
- Choose It
- Map It

Remember, for your Girl Scout Silver Award project you must reach out to the larger community.

You must be age 12-14 or in grades 7-9 to begin Steps 5 & 6.

STEP 4 - Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge

- Become - Set goals for self-improvement
- Belong - Earn the charm for *STUDIO 2B Focus: Looking in, Reaching Out*
- Believe - Identify a community issue
- Build - Focus on a solution

Note: The time you spend working on the 4B Challenge may be applied to your Girl Silver Award project hours.

STEP 2

Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award

- Earn 3 Interest Projects related to parts of the GS Law
- Earn STUDIO 2B Focus charm *uniquely Me! The Real Deal*
- Lead it: spend 15 hours in one or more leadership roles

STEP 3

Girl Scout Silver Career Award

- What's out there? Explore career choices
- Who's out there? Talk to people about their jobs
- Earn the Your Own Business Interest Project

Use "Go For It" GS Silver Award STUDIO 2B Basics insert to keep records and journal Steps 2-5. Good record keeping will help you in Step 6.

STEP 1

- Read *STUDIO 2B Go For It Girl Scout Silver Award* insert OR attend a council-sponsored Girl Scout Silver Award workshop
- Meet with your adult advisor and develop a timeline for Steps 2-4; include some thinking about where Step 5 might fit on your timeline
- Create an agreement with your adult advisor

- Accomplishments prior to age 11 or going into 6th grade cannot be used towards the Girl Scout Silver Award.
 - A girl must be age 11-14 or in grades 6-9 to begin work Steps 1-4 of the Girl Scout Silver Award.
 - The first four steps must be completed before the Girl Scout Silver Award project is undertaken.