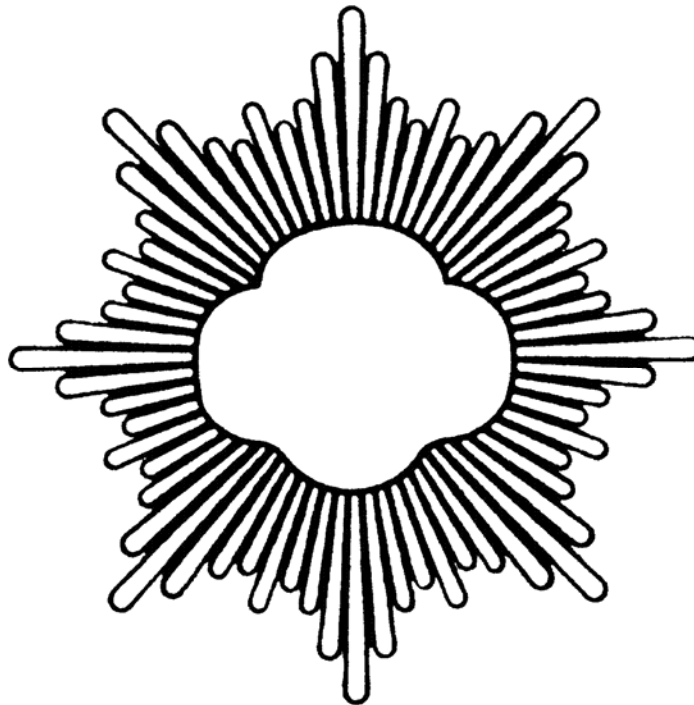


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**GIRL SCOUT
GOLD AWARD**

**Girl Scouting's Highest and Most Prestigious Award
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Become, Belong, Believe, Build



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Girl Scout Gold Award

Highest and Most Prestigious Award for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award that a Girl Scout Senior and Ambassador may earn. Someone once described the Girl Scout Gold Award as being "what you really want to be remembered for" in Girl Scouting. For many, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from "going for the Gold" set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship.



The Girl Scout Gold Award project is the culmination of all the work a girl puts into "going for the Gold." It is something that a girl can be passionate about—in thought, deed, and action. The project is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community (whether local or global), creates change, and hopefully, is something that becomes ongoing. If it is an event, the event should be something that people will want to continue for the next year; if it is a service, it should be something that creates change or action with long-term possibilities, empowering others besides just the girl; if it is something tangible, it should come with a plan for use and maintenance within the community. The project is more than a good service project—it encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills. If a group of girls work on the project together, each girl must be responsible for a specific part of the project and must evaluate her participation as an individual and a member of the group.

Requirements for the Girl Scout Gold Award

The following is an overview of the seven steps in the Girl Scout Gold Award. Girls need to purchase the *Go for it! The Girl Scout Gold Award* STUDIO 2B insert for a step-by-step guide and record of their Gold Award progress.

STEP 1: BUILD A FRAMEWORK

- Read the *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* STUDIO 2B insert
- Meet with troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor and develop a timeline for steps 2-4
- Make an agreement with your adult advisor

STEP 2: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD LEADERSHIP AWARD

- Earn three Girl Scout Interest Project awards related to parts of the Girl Scout Law.
- Set goals and earn the charm for the STUDIO 2B Focus book of your choice.
- Log 30 hours in a leadership role.
- Fast Track: If you are pursuing any additional awards, such as Leader-In-Training, Counselor-In-Training, or Program Aide, you may apply your hours to the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award.
- Keep records and journal in *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award* STUDIO 2B insert.

STEP 3: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD CAREER AWARD

- Do a total of 40 hours related to career exploration.
- Or, Fast Track it with a paying job or your own business.

STEP 4: EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD 4Bs CHALLENGE AWARD

- **Become:** Assessment of skill set and setting and achieving two goals related to self-improvement.
- **Belong:** Create a community profile to find out more about the community needs and assets.
- **Believe:** Create a vision for change by focusing on community needs. Come up with an actual vision statement for one's Girl Scout Gold Award project based on challenge focusing. Use pages 9-12 in *STUDIO 2B Focus: Write Now* to help you write your vision statement.
- **Build:** Focus on developing a specific network of people who might help with the vision.
- **Use page 18 in *STUDIO 2B Focus: Write Now*** on building persuasive skills to help convince others to support your position on this issue.
- **Use *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award STUDIO 2B insert*** to keep records and journal for discussion and evaluation with Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.

Note: Hours spent on the Girl Scout 4Bs Challenge can be applied to the Girl Scout Gold Award project hours. You will need to outline what you did for each of the 4B's and the amount of time spent on each on your Girl Scout Gold Award project proposal.

STEP 5: PLAN YOUR GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT

- **Plan it:** Keep record of time and process using *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award STUDIO 2B insert*.
- **Know more about it**—research information on it.
- **Choose it**—brainstorm ways to solve problem, create a budget. Council must approve any money-earning or gift-in-kind plans related to project.
- **Map it**—create a timeline of project steps and list of resources needed. Fill out project plan for council.
- **Work** with Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.
- **Submit plan** to Girl Scout council for approval
 - Follow council submission guidelines. A girl cannot start on project until go-ahead is received from council.
 - Receive feedback from council.
 - Make adjustment to plans if necessary.

STEP 6: ACT

- Do it! Put plans into action.
- Adjust plans if necessary
- Carry out project
- The project should take at least 65 hours to complete (can include planning time and challenge work) and should provide a service to larger community.

STEP 7: Reflect

- Evaluate
- Celebrate

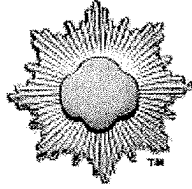
A more complete discussion of the Girl Scout Gold Award can be found in the new *Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award STUDIO 2B insert* and Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines' Girl Scout Gold Award booklet.

Do's and Don'ts

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the <i>Go for It! The Girl Scout Gold Award</i> STUDIO 2B insert for planning and documenting your activities.• Attend a council workshop on "Going for the Girl Scout Gold Award" if possible.• Get council approval before starting on your Girl Scout Gold Award project.• Find out the council's schedule for submission of reports and plan accordingly.• Follow all national and council guidelines for money-earning and safety.• Work with a Gold Award project advisor.• Be realistic about planning a budget for your project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be afraid to do an individual project based on your own interests that meets a need in your community.• Start a project until you have had your project plan approved by your Girl Scout council.• Lose your vision and leadership in the course of the project—you are the one in charge, even when facilitating the work of others.• Get locked into earning the Gold Award—it is a personal choice.

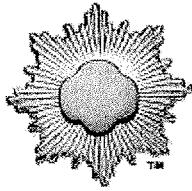
Paperwork and Completion

The Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal form must be submitted to the Raleigh Service Center at least six-eight weeks prior to the anticipated start of your project and in accordance with established due dates listed in the *GO!* magazine. This application includes a timeline and plan for the project. The Girl Scout Gold Award Committee will review your proposal at their next scheduled meeting and will notify you of its status about three weeks after the due date, so plan your project and timeline accordingly. They may make suggestions based on safety, timeline, or project standards. Remember, you cannot start your project without approval from the committee.



Benefits of Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award

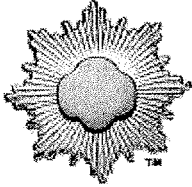
- The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting. A national award, with national standards, it represents girls' time, leadership, creativity and effort contributed to making their community better.
- A young woman who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award has become a community leader. Her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart.
- An increasing number of colleges and universities have recognized the achievements leadership abilities of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients by establishing scholarship programs for them. Although Girl Scouts of the USA does not award scholarships to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, GSUSA does publish the Scholarships for Girl Scouts Directory, which lists these schools. Copies of the directory are available at Girl Scout councils and online.
- Information about scholarships available to Girl Scout Gold Awardees is available to councils and girls online at www.studio2b.org.
- Girls who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award often enter the four branches of the United States Armed Services at an advanced level and salary, having been recognized for their level of leadership shown in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- The achievements of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are acknowledged by many government and nonprofit organizations. A list of these organizations is available for Girl Scout councils.
- Many state and local organizations acknowledge the recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- The Girl Scout Gold Award projects themselves solve community issues and improve lives.
- The Girl Scout Gold Award process creates assets for the community and the future.



From Good to Great: Successful Girl Scout Gold Award Projects

A Girl Scout Gold Award project is different from a good community service project. It should involve girl planning, leadership and decision making and focuses on addressing a real need in your community. When working as a group, each girl needs to play an individual role. Here are several examples of good service projects that have expanded into great Girl Scout Gold projects.

Good Service Project?	GREAT Girl Scout Gold Award Project!
Volunteering many hours at a park site picking up litter.	Reseeding an area with native vegetation and ridding area of non-native vegetation. Creating an interpretive guide on what the area was like 50 years ago and why it is important to preserve native species.
Working at the local library doing children's story hours or conducting a book drive for the juvenile detention center.	Creating a reading program for a migrant work camp in the summer. Assuring that each child receives a book (bilingual) of their own. Matching young children with volunteer tutors from the high school Spanish club to create an ongoing service project.
Volunteering to collect games and food at the mall for a teen center.	Creating a health access booklet for teens in the community; culminating with a teen health fair with various organizations presenting their services. Admission is canned goods for a teen center.
Acting in a play to commemorate the 100 th anniversary of a community.	Researching and writing a script for a cemetery tour focusing on the founders of the community. Casting parts, creating costumes and arranging for a series of evening cemetery tours to kick off the founding of the community.
Planting flowers in a park during a community service day.	Working with the city parks department to start a public gardening project in your community. Providing food for a food bank from the garden. Using a greenhouse at a school to start plants yearly with kids and retired folks as mentors.



Ways Parents/Guardians Can Support Girls Working on the Girl Scout Gold Award®

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting that Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors 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 lasting 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 Gold 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 the Girl Scout Gold Award so that you feel comfortable offering support.
- 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.
- Encouraging and supporting her, but not pressuring her. "Going for the Gold" is something that a girl has to want to do herself.
- Recognizing that your daughter is capable, competent and worthy of respect as she assumes greater citizenship and responsibility. You can help provide her with positive and constructive support on this journey.
- 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.
- Practicing good parenting when it comes to making sure she gets enough rest, eats well and is supported by the whole family in her endeavor.
- Helping and supporting girls in any Girl Scout safety or money earning guidelines during her path to the Girl Scout Gold Award. These are important to assure the safety of your daughter and the integrity of the Girl Scout program.
- Allowing her to stumble and learn the lessons that come with the Girl Scout Gold Award project. She will be working with a Girl Scout Gold Award Project advisor, an adult who has been trained to assist her in partnership who has skills specific to the project and a council Gold Award support Committee.
- Helping with the project as asked or cheerleading from the sidelines if appropriate.
- Joining in the celebration as she is honored for her accomplishments.



Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal

Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines
c/o Girl Scout Gold Award Support Committee
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 Gold Award Project advisor, and your troop/group advisor. Submit original in accordance with established due dates in the GO! magazine and at least 8 weeks prior to starting your project. Do not begin project until you have received council approval.

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Your Email: _____

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

STEP 1: GET READY - Adult Support for Girl Scout Gold Award Process (Each girl should have a minimum of two adults supporting her - troop/group advisor and project advisor. At least one of these adults must be someone other than the girl's parent.)

Troop Advisor: _____ Troop/Group Number: _____

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

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

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor: _____

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

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

Event Director (if applicable): _____

Event Director's Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Event Director's Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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

STEP 2: GIRL SCOUT GOLD LEADERSHIP AWARD

Activities	Date Completed	Advisor* Signature
1. Earn It: IP:		
IP:		
IP:		
2. Believe It: STUDIO 2B Focus Book:		
3. Lead It: (30 hours) Describe:		

*Can be signature of your Troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.

STEP 3: GIRL SCOUT GOLD CAREER AWARD

Describe 40 hour career related activity:	Date Completed	Advisor Signature

*Can be signature of your troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor.

STEP 4: GIRL SCOUT GOLD 4 B'S CHALLENGE AWARD

Please describe each step and show the amount of time spent on each. Provide attachments as needed.

Activity	Date Completed	Project Advisor Signature
A. Become		
B. Belong		
C. Believe		
D. Build		

STEP 5: GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT

Thoroughly explain your Girl Scout Gold Award Project Plan by answering the following questions. Use separate sheets of paper using only the A-G format below. Include the who, what, where, when, why and how for each aspect. Provide attachments as needed.

Title of Project: _____

Proposed start date: _____ Proposed completion date: _____

- A. Describe your Girl Scout Gold Award service project. Specifically, what is it?

- B. Describe the issue your project will address, what you hope to achieve, who will benefit, and how the community will be involved in the project. Be specific (i.e. who, how many, ages, etc.). Remember, the project should address an expressed community need that goes beyond the Girl Scout community. It should also not be a "tie in" to a pre-existing program. Enclose a signed letter of support from the benefiting organization. It will help identify the community need and demonstrate support of your efforts.

Suggestions for the Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report from the Gold Award Support Committee

- Follow format on Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report Form**
 - *When including additional pages for Step 7, we suggest you list the question and then include your response below it. This helps to ensure that you answer all of the questions and also helps the committee members follow your report.*

- Answer the questions completely.**
 - *Please remember that the committee members reading your report only have the information you submit to go by. Suggestion – ask other adults to read over your report to ensure you have adequately answered the questions and your report describes fully what you did. Don't sell yourself short! You did the hard work – now tell us about your success!*

- Neatness counts.**
 - *Type or print legibly with black ink.*
 - *Binder or folders may be used to enhance the presentation of your final report. All original reports (including photos and supporting materials) will be returned to you.*

- Time Log**
 - *Be specific in your documentation of what you did, when you did it, and how much time was spent doing it.*
 - *Remember the bulk of your time should be in the actual implementation of the project.*
 - *Remember you may include the time spent on the 4B's Challenge (Time should reflect no more than 15 hours of your overall 65+ hours).*

- Supporting Materials**

Include the following items to help support your final report:

 - *Photos of your project work*
 - *Support letters from the agencies/organizations who benefited from your project*
 - *Schedule or agenda (if applicable)*
 - *Handouts*
 - *Publicity materials (i.e. flyers, letters, newspaper articles, etc.)*

- Submission of Final Report**
 - *Follow deadlines published in the current GO! magazine*
 - *Use current forms only*
 - *You will receive notification of award status approximately three weeks following the deadline for submission of reports.*
 - *Please note: The Girl Scout Gold Award can only be earned by girls 14-18. Girls who graduate in June have until the membership year ends on September 30th to submit their final report. It is highly recommended that a girl not wait until September to submit in case modifications need to be made by the girl.*
 - *Please include a photo of yourself (i.e. school photo) to be used for press releases and the Girl Scout Gold Award service project publication.*

- Does your final report answer the following question: “Did you do what you said you were going to do (as outlined in your approved plan)”?**
 - *Your project should mirror the approved plan. If you must make adjustments to your plan, you should communicate with your Gold Award Support Committee liaison.*

- Who can you turn to if you have any questions throughout the Gold Award process?**
 - *Troop Advisors/Juliette Liaison*
 - *Gold Award Support Committee Liaison*
 - *Project Advisor*
 - *Program Director - Teen*



Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report

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

Please fill out using a word processing program, or type or print in black ink. Make copies for your Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor, your Troop/group advisor and for you to keep. Submit original in accordance with established due dates in the *GO!* magazine.

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Your Email: _____

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

Adult Support:

Troop Advisor: _____ Troop/Group Number: _____

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

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

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor: _____

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

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

Title of Project: _____

STEP 6: Tracking Project Hours

Date started: _____ Date Completed: _____

**** (Submit a time log of project hours to this final report.)**

STEP 7. Reflection and Evaluation

For the following questions, answer as thoroughly as possible (who? What? When? Where? How?). Please use separate sheet(s) of paper and make sure you use the A-G format below.

- A. Briefly summarize your project. Include the issue your project addressed and the methods you used for meeting the project objectives.

- B. Discuss the benefits your project provided to others in the community. Include the number of people involved. Include all ways in which the greater community was involved and/or benefited from the project. Attach a letter of support of project completion or evaluation from the benefiting organization.

List Project Advisor(s) (if different): _____

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

List the following: The name of your local newspaper, school newspaper, church newsletter, parent's employment (in-house) publication.

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. You may also show parent occupation(s) if you wish. Please include a school picture that will accompany the news release. (This picture will not be returned.) 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

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD CEREMONIES

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor offered to girls. Only Girl Scouts 14-18 may earn this major recognition. Both the quality and quantity of the work required suggest that the Gold Award conferral ceremony be special. The ceremony itself may be

A special event limited to Girl Scout Gold Award presentation to one or more girls; or

A traditional Troop, Service Unit, or County/Area event in which other recognitions are awarded to girls.

The choice between these two basic formats should be based on girl preference and local Girl Scout community needs, customs, traditions, etc. In either case, the Gold Awardee(s), their Advisors, and their parents should play a part in developing the ceremony.

When a Girl Scout Gold Award is presented during a general girl recognitions event, the Girl Scout Gold Award component of the overall program should be clear and distinct.

Particular attention should be given to Girl Scout Gold Award "visibility" in both the Girl Scout and general community. Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are prime role models for their peers and for younger Girl Scouts. They are also "living proof" that Girl Scout program "works".

The Council's Role

Pursuit of the Girl Scout Gold Award brings a girl to the Council's attention. With the submission of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project Plan the girl becomes highly visible to both the Council-level and the local structure -- from both of which she has a right to expect support. Upon approval of the girl's Project Report, the Council provides the following special assistance to assure a truly appropriate recognition of the girl's achievement:

- > The Girl Scout Gold Award pin itself
- > Miniature Girl Scout Gold Award pins for the girl's parents/guardians
- > Up to 100 invitations, and postage, for the ceremony
(Invitations are addressed and mailed locally by the individuals coordinating the ceremony.)
- > Up to 200 programs for the ceremony
- > A Girl Scout Gold Award presentation folder in which are accumulated the GSUSA Girl Scout Gold Award certificate and congratulatory messages which the Council secures

Local Responsibilities

1. Develop a time-frame which allows tasks associated with the ceremony to be carried out. Remember the following when planning:
 - Council needs up to three weeks to approve the final report
 - Printing of the invitations and programs takes at least seven working days

Note: *Council's time frame depends on when a report arrives at the Raleigh Service Center. The Girl Scout Gold Award Support Committee meetings are about six weeks apart. The meeting due dates are available in the GO! magazine.*

2. Scheduling of the Girl Scout Gold Award presentation ceremony.
3. Selection and confirmation of the ceremony site.

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Local Responsibilities, *continued*

4. Preparation, with the recipient(s), of the guest list.

Note: You may want to include the Council President or local board members or administrative volunteers, Program Director - Teen, and your local Membership Director on your invitation list.

When space and other factors permit, consideration should be given to inviting local Troop Leaders, at all program age levels, and girl representatives of their troops. Each Gold Award presentation is a cause for celebration by all Girl Scouts. Each Gold Awardee is a sign of Girl Scouting's progression to greater and greater challenges.

5. Sending date, time, place, and RSVP information to the **Program Director - Teen** for preparation of invitations and, later, details for printing of program (minimum of seven working days for each – allow extra time for shipping). * See sample invitation below.
6. Addressing and mailing of invitations.
7. Arrangements for any decorations, flowers, special music, reception after the ceremony, etc.
8. Development of the actual ceremony, securing of guest speakers, if any, etc.
9. Informing and cooperating with the local Girl Scout Media Representative.

Sample Invitation:

*Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines
and Girl Scout Troop # _____
cordially invites you
to be present when
Girl Scouting's highest honor
The Girl Scout Gold Award
is conferred on
Jane Doe
Sunday, December 3, 2008
three o'clock in the afternoon
Location
Street Address
City, North Carolina*

Reception immediately following the ceremony.

RSVP: Lucy Leader (919-555-4475) by November 15, 2008

"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.

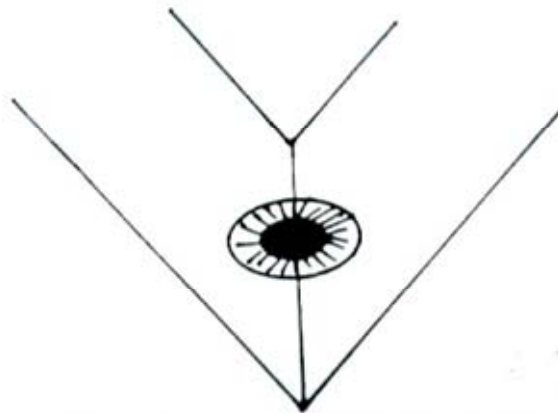
Fold one side of each end back across width to form a point.

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

Whip-stitch the "points" together.

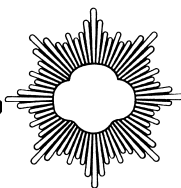
Reverse the sewn ribbon. Trim any edges of the now-underside folds that may show from the front.

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 Gold Award



All steps must be completed by September 30th after the completion of 12th grade.

Submit your Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal to the Raleigh Service Center for review by the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee in accordance with due dates.

(Your project must be approved before you begin Step 6.)

STEP 7-Think About It

- Reflect & evaluate with your advisor
- Submit your Final Report to council

STEP 6 - Take Action

After you receive council approval, put your plans into action. Be flexible and adjust plans if necessary. Work closely with your adult advisor and communicate with committee liaison.

STEP 5 - Girl Scout Gold Award Project

Your Girl Scout Gold Award Project must take a minimum of 65 hours.

The time you spend working on the 4B Challenge may be applied towards the 65 hours.

- Plan It (talk with project advisor)
- Choose It (brainstorm)
- Map It (create timeline)
- Know More About It (collect info)
- Budget It (create a budget)
- ** SUBMIT PROPOSAL

Remember, the focus of the project should be your larger community - *beyond* the Girl Scout community.

You must be 15-18 or in grades 10-12 to start work on Steps 5-7.

STEP 4 - Girl Scout Gold 4 B's Challenge

- Become - Assess your set of skills. Set and achieve two goals related to personal growth
- Belong - Create a community profile to find out more about the community needs and assets
- Believe - Create a vision statement for change for the community need (potential GS Gold Award Project)
- Build - Focus on developing a specific network of people who might help with your GS Gold Award Project

(Use the *STUDIO 2B Write Now* Focus book to help you write your vision statement & support your issue's position.)

STEP 2 - Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award

- Earn 3 Interest Projects related to parts of the GS Law
- Earn a charm from the STUDIO 2B Focus series
- Take action: spend 30 hours in a leadership role (check out the Fast Track option if you are a PA, LIT, etc.)

Use *Go For It GS Gold Award STUDIO 2B Basics* insert to keep records and journal Steps 2-6. Good record keeping will help you in Step 7.

STEP 3 - Girl Scout Gold Career Award

- Do one or a combination of the following for a total of 40 hours:
 - Career-shadow one or more people
 - Get an apprenticeship or internship
 - Visit colleges or trade schools
 - Organize a career fair
 - Publish a newsletter or create a Web page about careers for school
 - Partner with one or more Girl Scout council staff members
- **OR** Get a paying job or start your own business & put in at least 40 hours on it

STEP 1 - BUILD A FRAMEWORK

- Read *STUDIO 2B Go For It Girl Scout Gold Award* insert **OR** attend a council sponsored Girl Scout Gold 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 14 or going into 9th grade cannot be used towards the Girl Scout Gold Award.

- A girl must be age 14-18 or in grades 9-12 to work on Steps 1-3 of the Girl Scout Gold Award.