

Girl Scout Bronze Award

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Welcome to the Bronze Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. The first award among the Girl Scout Highest Awards. The Bronze Award encourages Girl Scouts to make a difference in their community through an issue they are passionate about as a group. Troop leaders serve as the main supervisor of the Bronze Award Take Action project. This document was created to lend support to troop leaders through listing the requirements and common questions. If you have further questions please email Bronzeaward@nccoastalpines.org.

Requirements

- Must be a registered Girl Scout member
- Must have completed a Girl Scout Junior Journey (this includes a Take Action Project)
- Must be a Girl Scout Junior in fourth or fifth grade (or equivalent)

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q Do Bronze Award Take Action project plans need to be submitted to the Council office for approval?

A No. The Troop Co-Leaders approves bronze Award Take Action Projects when the troop has met the requirements. Upon completion though, troops will need to submit a final report packet, which includes a reflection page for each girl.

Q When does the final report need to be submitted?

A Bronze Award reports must be submitted by September 30 of year the Girl Scout completed 5th grade as only Girl Scout Juniors may earn the Bronze Award.

Q What happens after the Final Report packet is submitted to the Council office?

A Once the Council has received the final report packet, girls are official Bronze Award recipients! Troop Co-Leaders can purchase award pins and patches by submitting the order form in the packet. Girls may choose to hold their own ceremony with their troop, church or partner organization from their project, etc.

Q What is the recommended number hours for the Bronze Award?

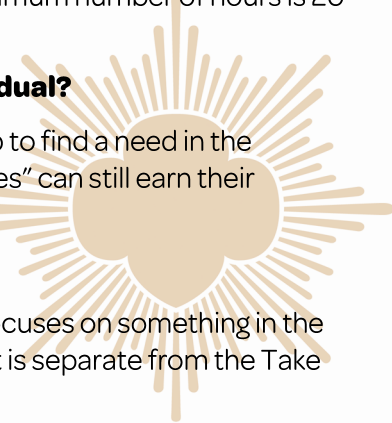
A The time it takes to earn the awards will depend on the nature of the project. The quality of the project is valued over the quantity of hours. However, after the Journey requirements are fulfilled, the suggested minimum number of hours is 20 per girl.

Q Is the Bronze Award done as a troop or an individual?

A The purpose of the Bronze Award is to work as a troop to find a need in the community and work together to fill the need. "Juliettes" can still earn their Bronze Award by working with another troop or group.

Q What qualifies as a Bronze Award project?

A A Bronze Award project is a take action project that focuses on something in the community that the girls want to support. This project is separate from the Take Action project done to complete the Journey.



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Q What is the difference between a service project and a Highest Awards Take Action Project?

A A service project fills a one-time need. A take action project is sustainable; its effects continue after the troop has completed the project. Here is an example of the difference:

Service Project: Visiting a retirement home and playing games with the residents

Highest Awards Take Action Project: Getting games donated to the retirement home and making a game room for the residents

Service Project: Holding a clothing drive

Highest Awards Take Action Project: Creating a clothing closet at a shelter and stocking it with donations

Q How can I make my project sustainable?

A There are many ways to make your project sustainable; here are a few examples to spark your ideas:

- Create a brochure to empower others to carry-on the project
- Create a website to inform and encourage others to “take action”
- Build alliances with community leaders that can continue the conversation, thus raising ongoing awareness of the issue
- Network with community organizations to distribute information or programming
- Develop an awareness or prevention program
- Identify a club or group to continue the project

Q Can a Bronze Award project be done within the Girl Scout Community?

A Yes it can be. Girls may focus on the Girl Scout Movement when planning their Bronze Award Take Action project.

Q How do I submit the troop’s Bronze Award Take Action Project?

A You can find the Bronze Award Final Report on the GS-NCCP website under forms or the Bronze Award page. Troop Co-Leaders and Girl Scouts will complete the packet and send/give it to the nearest GS- NCCP shop (Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Raleigh, or Wilmington).

Q Does a Girl Scout have to earn the Bronze Award to earn their Silver Award or Gold Award?

A Each award is earned separately. A girl does not need to earn the Bronze Award to earn either the Silver Award or Gold Award. However, it is helpful, as some of the processes are the same, and many of the skills that are learned in working on the Bronze Award are a foundation for working on the Silver Award and Gold Award

Q If a Girl Scout has done similar activities while earning other Girl Scout Awards or badges, do those hours counts toward her Bronze Award Take Action Project?

A Activities done prior to working on the Bronze Award may not count toward the number of hours for this award. Hours spent on researching and vetting project ideas do count towards the Bronze Award Take Action project hours.

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