

Girl Scout Silver Award FAQs

Q: What grade or Girl Scout level is eligible to earn the Silver Award?

A: Cadette Girl Scouts in grades 6–8, or the equivalent, are eligible to earn the Silver Award. Girls must begin and complete their Silver Award project while they are registered as Cadette Girl Scouts.

Q: What are the prerequisites for earning the Silver Award?

A: All Junior Girl Scouts are required to complete one Girl Scout Cadette level Leadership Award or have earned a Bronze Award. The prerequisites must be completed prior to beginning work on the project. Click the link to learn more about these Leadership Awards and access the Girl Guide and Leader guide. <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/badges-journeys-awards/leadership-awards.html>

Q: How many girls can work together on a group Silver Award Project?

A: A Silver Award team may include up to four Girl Scouts (max) working together on the same project.

Q: How many hours are required to earn the Silver Award?

A: Cadette Girl Scouts should spend 50 hours of time planning and implementing their project. Each team member must individually contribute 50 hours, whether working solo or as part of a team. Note: This time does not include time spent on prerequisites.

Q: What are the standards for a Silver Award project?

A: The project is done with the community and not for the community. It should address the root cause of an issue and girls should be able to clearly articulate what their community issue is and how the project impacts that issue. The project should also be measurable, sustainable, and involve community partners.

Q: Does council need to approve our project idea before beginning the award?

A: Yes, GSCCC Awards staff needs to approve the project before you begin. Each project is required to submit the Silver Award Intent form for approval before starting the project. (Link Below)

Q: Does council need to approve the Silver Award project once the project is complete?

A: Yes, once the Silver Award project is complete, girls must submit the Silver Award Final Report to GSCCC Awards staff for review. The project will be approved only after it is confirmed to meet all the criteria set forth by GSUSA Silver Award requirements. (Link Below)

Q: Where can we find details for earning the Silver Award, the Intent form, the Final Report and other resources for the award?

A: Please visit the Silver Award page on the GSCCC website. (Link below)

Q: Can troops or girls request in-kind donations from local businesses or friends and family members?

A: Yes, In-kind donations, such as supplies, materials, or services, may help support a Silver Award project. Before requesting any donations, troops must receive prior written approval from GSCCC. Once approved, girls can help make the request and explain their Silver Award project and what specific items or materials are needed. (Link to form below)

Q: How does a troop leader submit the project to receive the award for their troop?

A: The girls will submit the Silver Award Final Report to council. Once reviewed and approved the Congratulation cards and pins will be mailed to the address on the form. (Final Report link below).

Silver Award Intent Form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/GirlScoutsOfCaliforniasCentralCoast2/SilverAwardIntentForm>

Silver Award Final Report Form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/GSCAsCentralCoast/SilverAwardFinalReport>

In-Kind Donation Solicitation Form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/GirlScoutsOfCaliforniasCentralCoast2/InKindDonationSolicitationForm>

Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Website:

www.girlscoutsccc.org

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