

National Leadership Awards: Grades 6 – 12



Silver Torch (Girl Scout Cadette), Silver and Gold Torch (Girl Scout Senior), Gold Torch (Girl Scout Ambassador)

These awards encourage girls to take on leadership roles both within and outside of Girl Scouting. Girls must first complete one Program level specific Journey and then serve one full term in a leadership role. This role could be anything from the year book editor, president of a club, or even serving on the Girl Scout planning board.



Community Service Bar

Girl Scout Cadettes, Girl Scout Seniors, and Girl Scout Ambassadors may earn a community service bar for their program level. The girl must identify an organization she would like to volunteer with. The organization will need to agree to give her instructions about the work she'll be doing. Girls can work with any non-profit organization that they would like, with their Troop Leader's approval. (All 501-C3 organizations and places of worship are non-profit organizations.)



Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Girl Scout Cadettes, Girl Scout Seniors, and Girl Scout Ambassadors can earn a Service to Girl Scouting bar for their program level. Girls receive this award by completing at least 20 hours of service to Girl Scouting. Examples include: Helping a younger troop on a Journey, volunteering at day camp, helping at council events, etc. These hours are not limited to one specific event or project with Girl Scouts.

Service hours for these bars need to be separate from those girls use toward other awards. Each bar can only be earned once during each program level and represents a new project.

Any questions should be directed to Teenslead@gsgatl.org.

National Leadership Awards Application



Leadership Torch



Community Service Bar



Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Please circle or check next to the National Leadership Award above that you have been working on and will be answering the questions for. Please read over the questions carefully and answer them to the best of your ability. Once you have completed this form, please turn in a copy to the Badge and Sash store and keep the original for your files. (Please feel free to use another paper and attach.)

Girl Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Troop #:** _____

School: _____

1. With your advisors assistance, briefly describe your role as a volunteer or leader within the organization as you would on a résumé.
2. How does your role allow you to impact the organization? Your community? Does your impact go even further?
3. What impact did the role and your work have on you?
4. Would you continue your role with this organization given the chance? Would you change anything about your position or work?
5. Please check all of the following that you believe you have become stronger in through your experience with your role within the organization:

Discover

- Develop a strong sense of self.
- Develop positive values.
- Gain practical life skills.
- Seek challenges in the World.
- Develop critical thinking.

Connect

- Develop healthy relationships.
- Promote cooperation and team building.
- Resolve conflicts.
- Advance diversity in a multicultural World.
- Feel connected to their communities, locally and globally.

Take Action

- Identify community needs.
- Resourceful problem solver.
- Advocate for themselves and others, both locally and globally.
- Educate and inspire others to act.
- Feel empowered to make a difference in the world.

PLEASE NOTE: Girls cannot have roles that are designated for Adults and cannot be in charge of any youth or animal without an adult present.

Please sign below saying that you completed the project stated above and that all of the information provided is true.

Girl Signature: _____ **Troop Leader Signature:** _____ **Contact Signature:** _____

National Leadership Awards Feed Back



Leadership Torch



Community Service Bar



Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Please circle or check next to the National Leadership Award above that the Girl Scout you have been working with is completing. Please read over the questions carefully and answer them honestly and to the best of your ability. This is for the Girl Scout's reference so that she can grow with constructive feedback. Once you have completed this form, please give it to the Girl Scout. (Please feel free to use another paper and attach if necessary.)

Girl Scout's Name _____ Girl Scout's Age or Grade level: _____

1. Did you enjoy working with this Girl Scout during her project? Do you have any suggestions for the Girl Scout on how she can improve herself within her role at your organization?

2. How did the Girl Scout meet or not meet your expectations?

3. Did you feel the Girl Scout possessed the maturity and knowledge to work with your organization? Please explain.

4. Were there any challenges with the Girl Scout (ex. punctuality, dependability, or attitude)? If so, how were they resolved?

5. Would you recommend this Girl Scout to work with other groups? Why or Why not?

6. What did the Girl Scout do well while working with your organization? Please explain.

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