

Life Skills: Setting Girls Up With the Skills They Need to Succeed



Girl Scouts inspires girls to take action to change the world. Every day, Girl Scouts make a difference in the world because of you and your generosity.

Building a Girl-Led Future:

As we move together into the future during this extraordinary time, Girl Scouts is evolving and innovating to better support girls to take the helm. Your investment helps every Girl Scout prepare for a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success. And, that's more essential today than ever before.

Success for girls is success for everyone—and they're just getting started. Help Girl Scouts power their potential and develop their skills to make a tangible, positive difference.

Together, we can champion the change-makers of today—and tomorrow. We can continue to build the future the world needs, and that future is female. **Join us.**

From kindergarten through high school, Life Skills programs (including skill-building badges and Journeys) form the foundation for a lifetime of growth in every aspect of girls' lives. Whether girls are learning how to form healthy relationships, volunteering for a community service project, or creating their first budget, they're gaining skills and inspiration to overcome obstacles.

Girls still face health, academic, social, and financial challenges as we begin to move forward from the pandemic, so it's essential that they continue to learn and grow. Through Girl Scout programs, especially Journeys, girls learn social-emotional skills that embolden them to team up with others to identify problems, develop creative solutions, create and implement plans, and celebrate their shared accomplishments.

Some of the areas they explore include:

- **Healthy relationships:** From Daisy to Ambassador, Girl Scouts form stronger connections with their families, friends, and communities. Younger girls make new friends as they strive to be considerate, caring, and kind. Juniors can earn the Bronze Award by teaming up with other girls to make a difference in their towns. In middle school, girls learn to cope with bullying and relational aggression. During this time, Cadettes can earn the Silver Award by researching an issue, making a plan, and taking action to improve their communities. Seniors and Ambassadors who earn the Gold Award tackle issues that are dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond. Think of the Gold Award as a key that can open doors to scholarships, preferred admission tracks for college, and amazing career opportunities.
- **Community service:** Whether they're planting a garden, painting a mural, or launching a letter-writing campaign, girls who complete the It's Your World—Change It! Journey get inspired to take on leadership and advocacy challenges and discover what it means to make a difference in the world. Some girls pursue their Gold Award—the highest honor in Girl Scouting—by transforming an idea and vision for change into an actionable plan with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. The award acknowledges each courageous and visionary recipient's power and dedication not only to bettering herself, but also to making the world a better place for others.
- **Civic engagement:** Girl Scouts prepares girls to be informed, active community members. By working on our Civics badges, girls learn how to advocate for local, state, and federal issues they care about—how to effectively raise their voices for our democracy, whether they're advocating for social justice, environmental protection, or any other topic they feel is critically important.
- **Financial literacy:** Grounded in real-life situations, our Financial Literacy badges build a deeper understanding of financial issues, providing girls with practical skills and knowledge for areas such as budgeting, philanthropy, making smart purchases, financial planning, and more.



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