

# Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, at a Glance

| AWARD                                                                          |  GIRL SCOUT<br>BRONZE AWARD®                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  GIRL SCOUT<br>SILVER AWARD®                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  GIRL SCOUT<br>GOLD AWARD®                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| GRADE                                                                          | Girls must be in 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> grade and a registered Girl Scout Junior                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Girls must be in 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , or 8 <sup>th</sup> grade and a registered Girl Scout Cadette                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Girls must be in 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , or 12 <sup>th</sup> grade and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| OVERVIEW<br><br>COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS ARE IN THE GIRL'S GUIDE TO GIRL SCOUTING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a Junior Journey</li> <li>Be part of a troop or group where girls take the lead</li> <li>Take action on a community issue the troop or group cares about</li> <li>Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer</li> <li>Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material</li> <li>*Council approval needed for any money earning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a Cadette Journey</li> <li>Work as an individual or in a small group where girls take the lead</li> <li>Take action on a community issue that the girls care about</li> <li>Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer</li> <li>Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material</li> <li>*Council approval needed for any money earning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) <b>or</b> Earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey</li> <li>Individually girl led; girl selects and recruits Project Advisor</li> <li>Take action on a community issue the girl cares about</li> <li>Help and guidance provided by Project Advisor</li> <li>Suggested hours included in the girl, adult, and council material</li> <li>*Council approval needed for any money earning</li> </ul> |
| TAKE ACTION PROJECT<br><br>PUTS THE PROMISE AND LAW INTO ACTION                | Group Take Action Project focuses on something the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community. Groups of 4-6 recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Individual or small group Take Action Project that makes their neighborhood or community better.<br><br>Groups of 4-6 recommended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Individual Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SUSTAINABLE                                                                    | After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Take Action Project includes provisions to ensure sustainability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| GLOBAL                                                                         | After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Girls connect with new friends outside their immediate community, learn how others have solved similar problems and determine if the ideas of others can help with their plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Girls identify national and/or global links to their selected issue. They learn from others and develop a plan to share the results of their project beyond the local community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PROJECT APPROVAL                                                               | Trained Troop/Group Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Trained Troop/Group Volunteer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Council or Council's Gold Award Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| RESOURCES                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Leadership Journey Books</li> <li>Junior Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting</li> <li>Bronze Award Guidelines</li> <li>Bronze Award Leader Training in L.A.R.C.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cadette Leadership Journey Books</li> <li>Cadette Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting</li> <li>Silver Award Guidelines</li> <li>Silver Award Leader Training in L.A.R.C.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior/Ambassador Leadership Journey Books</li> <li>Senior/Ambassador Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting</li> <li>Gold Award Guidelines</li> <li>Journey to Gold Class in L.A.R.C. for Girls, Leaders, Parents</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**\*Adhere to guidelines in the Adult Guide and Volunteer Essentials**

# Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Frequently Asked Questions

| AWARD                                               |  <b>GIRL SCOUT<br/>BRONZE AWARD®</b>                                                                                                                                                    |  <b>GIRL SCOUT<br/>SILVER AWARD®</b>                                                      |  <b>GIRL SCOUT<br/>GOLD AWARD®</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>HOW LONG SHOULD THE PROJECT TAKE?</b>            | Suggested number of minimum hours is 20 per Girl Scout with emphasis on the quality of the project.                                                                                                                                                                      | Suggested number of minimum hours is 50 per Girl Scout with emphasis on the quality of the project.                                                                        | Suggested number of minimum hours is 80 per Girl Scout with emphasis on the quality of the project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>IS THERE TRAINING? WHEN? WHO SHOULD TAKE IT?</b> | Yes, volunteers leading Girl Scouts through the Bronze Award must take <i>Journey to Bronze</i> .<br><br>Girls are not required to take any training.                                                                                                                    | Yes, volunteers leading Girl Scouts through the Silver Award must take <i>Journey to Silver</i> .<br><br>Girls are not required to take any training.                      | Leaders must complete required training to sign off on Journey awards prior to assisting girls with Journey pre-requisites.<br><br><i>Journey to Gold Award</i> is required for girls and leaders. Parents may also choose to attend this training. It is an important step that helps girls decide if completing the Gold Award is truly something they desire to do. This training is recommended during 9 <sup>th</sup> (Spring) or 10 <sup>th</sup> grade after completing the Journey. |
| <b>WHO IS THE PROJECT ADVISOR?</b>                  | The project advisor is a subject matter expert in the area of the project, who brings a special skill set and advice. For example, Girl Scouts conducting projects that help animals may seek the advice of someone who works for the Humane Society, or a veterinarian. |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>SHOULD ANY PAPERWORK BE COMPLETED ?</b>          | Yes, the leader and girls should complete the <i>Bronze Award Report Form</i> together.                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes, leader and girls must complete the <i>Silver Award Report Form</i> together.                                                                                          | <i>Notice of Intent</i> -assigns a committee member to help with project development<br><i>Project Proposal</i> -indicates readiness for an interview<br><i>Final Report</i> - notifies committee of project completion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| All forms have an electronic submission feature.    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>WHAT IS THE DEADLINE?</b>                        | September 30 <sup>th</sup> of 6 <sup>th</sup> grade school year. On October 1 <sup>st</sup> Girl Scout will become a Cadette and will no longer be eligible to earn Bronze.                                                                                              | September 30 <sup>th</sup> of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade school year. On October 1 <sup>st</sup> Girl Scout will become a Senior and will no longer be eligible to earn Silver. | Girls must begin earning the award by submitting the proposal form for an interview between June following completion of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade and May of 12 <sup>th</sup> grade. Final reports are due no later than September 30 <sup>th</sup> of high school graduation year.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>HOW ARE PINS &amp; CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTED?</b> | Leader may purchase pins and certificates through the nearest Girl Scout Badge & Sash Store with required documentation.                                                                                                                                                 | Leader may purchase pins and certificates through the nearest Girl Scout Badge & Sash Store with required documentation.                                                   | Council provides girl pins and certificates to Gold Award recipients after they receive final approval from the Gold Award Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>IS THERE A CEREMONY?</b>                         | Troops or Service Units may choose to honor Bronze Award recipients with a special Court of Awards.                                                                                                                                                                      | Troops or Service Units may choose to honor Silver Award recipients with a special Court of Awards.                                                                        | **Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta hosts a Gold Award Ceremony in March.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?</b>           | <a href="http://www.girlscoutsatl.org">www.girlscoutsatl.org</a><br>About Us>Our Programs>Highest Awards>Bronze Award                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="http://www.girlscoutsatl.org">www.girlscoutsatl.org</a><br>About Us>Our Programs>Highest Awards>Silver Award                                                      | <a href="http://www.girlscoutsatl.org">www.girlscoutsatl.org</a><br>About Us>Our Programs>Highest Awards>Gold Award                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?</b>    | <a href="mailto:BronzeAwardSupport@gsgatl.org">BronzeAwardSupport@gsgatl.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:SilverAwardSupport@gsgatl.org">SilverAwardSupport@gsgatl.org</a>                                                                                           | <a href="mailto:GoldAwardSupport@gsgatl.org">GoldAwardSupport@gsgatl.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

\*\* General admission tickets to Gold Award Celebration are sold through [www.girlscoutsatl.org/events](http://www.girlscoutsatl.org/events)