

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois
**Girl Scout Gold Award
Requirements At-A-Glance**



The following criteria are required for the Girl Scout Gold Award. Each step is outlined in the Journal portion of this packet and is easy to follow and document your progress.

Step 1: Journey

Before a girl can start on the Girl Scout Gold Award, she must complete two Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador journeys OR having earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and completing one Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador journey

- If a Girl Scout Senior, can pick from “Girlltopia” or “Sow What?”
 - If a Girl Scout Ambassador, can pick from “Your Voice, Your World” or Justice”
- *more Journeys should be developed in the future*

Step 2: Choose an Issue

Use your values and skills to identify a community issue you care about.

Step 3: Investigate

Research everything you can about the issue

- Identify the root causes of your issue
- Interview people
- Research community
- Identify national and/or global links to your community issue

Step 4: Get Help

Invite others to support and take action with you

- Seek out and recognize skills of others
- Build a team and recruit a Project Advisor

Step 5: Create a Plan

Create a project plan that achieves sustainable and measurable impact

- Lead the planning of your Girl Scout Gold Award (Take Action) project
- Work collaboratively to develop a plan for your project that creates lasting change

Step 6: Present your plan and get feedback

Sum up your project plan for your Girl Scout council

- Type up your Girl Scout Gold Award Proposal
- Turn it in to the council at least 3 weeks in advance of the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee date that you want to attend
- Present your proposal to the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee to get it approved and accept constructive suggestions that will help refine your project

Step 7: Take Action

Take the lead to carry out your plan

- Take action to address the root cause of an issue. Your solution should be measurable and have a sustainable impact
- Actively seek partnerships to achieve greater community participation

Step 8: Educate and Inspire

Share what you have experienced with others

- Reflect on what you have learned and present your Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report to the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee
- Share your project beyond your local community and inspire others to take action