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Emma Scott receives the Girl Scout Gold Award... the highest individual achievement in Girl Scouting

Glen Carbon, Illinois -- The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) is pleased to announce that Emma Scott of O'Fallon has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive.

For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Emma cleaned out and organized a vault in O'Fallon's community museum. After removing all of the vault's contents, she cleaned the shelves, cataloged the items and placed them back into the vault. Part of the museum vault now has a bank display showing how the building used to look many years ago.

Through her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Emma said, "I learned that I really CAN do whatever I set my mind to." She added that once the project was finally finished that she "felt amazing."

Emma is the daughter of Jeff and Dina Scott and graduated from O'Fallon Township High School. Currently, she is a freshman at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where she is majoring Special Education.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, recognizes a Girl Scout's commitment to excellence as she develops skills and values to meet present and future challenges in her life. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a Girl Scout Senior or Girl Scout Ambassador must design and carry out a project that fulfills a need within a girl's community, creates change, and is sustainable. The project must be completed with a suggested minimum of 80 hours of work. Only about 6 percent of eligible girls earn the prestigious Gold Award.

Today, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world. Its sole focus is to meet the needs of all girls (ages 5-17) from diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Today's Girl Scouts not only enjoy camping and crafts, but they also explore math and science and learn about diversity, good citizenship, leadership and teamwork. Girl Scouting is the place where girls experience the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization supported by various United Ways throughout the region. The Girl Scouts is a Proud Partner of United Way. For more information, please call Erin Johnson at 618.692.0692.

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