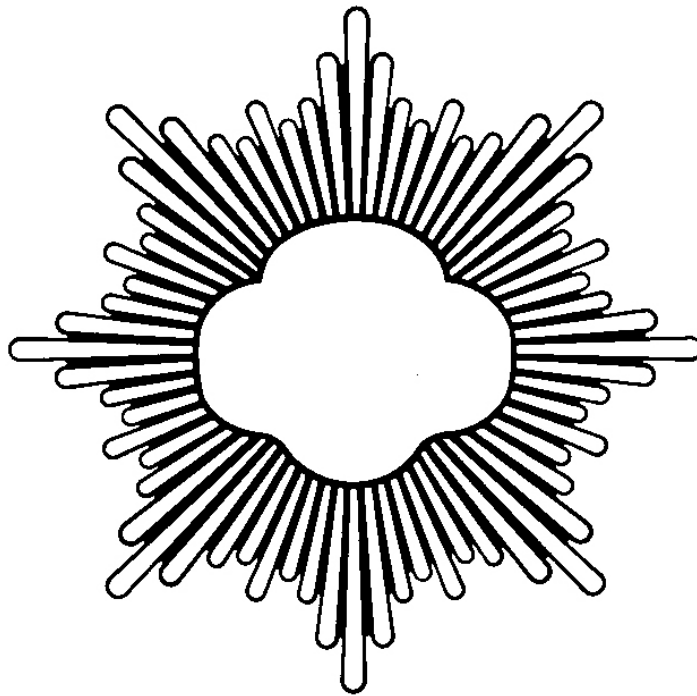


Guide to the Girl Scout Silver Award.®



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Girl Scout Program Goals

Become, Belong, Believe, Build



THE FOUR B's:

BECOME

Celebrate yourself today and become your best self in the future.

BELONG

Be a part of a group where you have fun, relate to others with respect, and develop lasting friendships.

BELIEVE

Develop your ideas and voice what's important to you.

BUILD

Take action on what you care about and make a difference.

Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award helps girls to achieve the four Girl Scout program goals.

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What is the Girl Scout Silver Award®?

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout 11-14 may earn. It is symbolic of your accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities, as you grow and work to improve your life and the lives of others.

The first three (3) STEPS of the Girl Scout Silver Award help you build skills and self-esteem, explore careers, and develop and practice leadership skills. The last three (3) STEPS help you to make a commitment to improving yourself, create your Silver Award Project, take action to meet your goal and reflect on what you did. This booklet explains the process for girls earning this award in the Girl Scout Council of Orange County.

Statement of Philosophy and Overall Standards of Performance For Completing the Girl Scout Silver Award

- Any Girl Scout working to the best of her ability should be able to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- A Girl Scout must take the initiative to choose her own activities which fulfill all requirements to earn this award.
- A Girl Scout should demonstrate responsibility, leadership, and community involvement in her project design and implementation.
- Throughout the project, the Girl Scout must maintain contact with her chosen project advisor.
- The Girl Scout Silver Award Project should adhere to criteria outlined in this booklet and in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*.

There are six (6) STEPS to the Girl Scout Silver Award. Girls 11-14 or in grades 6-9 may work on STEPS 1-4. Girls 12-14 or in grades 7-9 may work on STEPS 5-6.

A girl must be at least age 11 or going into the 6th grade to work on STEPS 1-4. Girls must be at least 12 or going into the 7th grade to work on STEPS 5-6, related to the Girl Scout Silver Award Project.

Quick Guide to the Silver STEPS

1. ORGANIZE ⇒ GET READY

- Read *Go For It!*
- Meet with advisor.
- Develop a timeline.
- Make an agreement.

2. LEAD ⇒ GIRL SCOUT SILVER LEADERSHIP AWARD

- Earn three interest projects.
- Earn STUDIO 2B Focus *uniquely Me! The Real Deal* charm.
- Complete 15 hours of leadership OR apply CIT, LIT, or PA hours.
- Journal.

3. NETWORK ⇒ GIRL SCOUT SILVER CAREER AWARD

- Discover four jobs.
- Conduct four interviews.
- Earn *Your Own Business* Interest Project.
- Journal.

4. CREATE ⇒ GIRL SCOUT SILVER 4B'S CHALLENGE

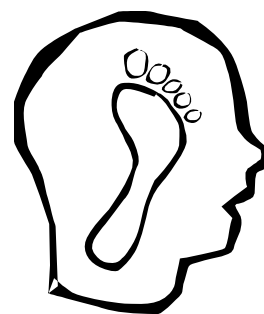
- Complete skill inventory.
- Earn STUDIO 2B Focus *Looking in, Reaching Out* charm.
- Identify an issue/use your voice.
- Collect information/brainstorm plans.

5. ACT ⇒ GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD (Plan and do your project.)

- Commit to an issue.
- Research.
- Brainstorm/create a budget.
- Create a timeline.
- Carry out your plan (minimum 40 hours).

6. REFLECT ⇒ THINK ABOUT IT

- Evaluate.
- Celebrate.



Go For It!

Girl Scout Silver Award® STEPS

STEP 1: ORGANIZE ⇒ GET READY.

Become organized to help you take the next five steps.

- Read the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*.
- Meet with troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor.
- Develop a timeline for Steps 2-4.
- Make an agreement with your adult advisor.

STEP 2: LEAD ⇒ EARN THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER LEADERSHIP AWARD.

Put the Girl Scout Law into action.

- Earn three Girl Scout Interest Project awards related to the parts of the Girl Scout Law.
- Set goals and earn the STUDIO 2B Focus *uniquely me! The Real Deal* charm.
- Log 15 hours in two or more leadership roles.
OR
Fast Track it by applying your leadership hours from Leader-In-Training, Counselor-in-Training, or Program Aide to the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award.
- Journal in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*.

STEP 3: NETWORK ⇒ EARN THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER CAREER AWARD.

Reach out and build your network.

- Find out about 4 jobs using newspapers, internet, library, and adults as resources.
- Talk to a college student and three adults about their career/job goals.
- Earn the Your Own Business Interest Project Award. If you have already earned it, earn an interest project related to the field in which you would like to start a business.
- Journal in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*.

STEP 4: CREATE ⇒ EARN THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER 4B'S CHALLENGE.

Find your voice.

- **Become:** Take inventory of your skills using the chart in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*. Choose a skill to practice and set a goal for improvement.
- **Belong:** Set goals and earn the STUDIO 2B Focus: *Looking In, Reaching Out* charm. If you have already earned it, read it again and set a new goal for yourself.

- **Believe:** Identify an issue that you feel strongly about in your school or community and use your voice to make a difference: make a presentation, write a letter, organize a meeting, send an e-mail, make a phone call, or make an appointment.
- **Build:** Choose an issue, collect as much information as possible, brainstorm as many solutions as you can, and sketch several plans using the questions and “My Plans and Solutions” worksheet in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*.

Note: Hours spent on the Girl Scout Silver 4B’s Challenge can be applied to the 40 hour Girl Scout Silver Award project hours.

STEP 5: ACT ⇨ EARN THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD.

Make a difference in your community by doing a project you care about strongly.

- **Plan It:** Identify a community problem/need and what you want to do about it; talk to your project advisor and commit to an issue.
- **Know More About It:** Research information on your issue.
- **Choose It:** Brainstorm ways to solve the problem and create a budget.
- **Map It:** Create a project timeline and lists of steps and resources needed.
- **Do It:** Put your plan into action and do your project.

Reminder:

- Work with your Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor.
- Note: Permission for any money-earning related to project must be obtained from the Girl Scout council.
- Submit Silver Award Report Forms to the council after you have completed your project.
- Notify the Membership Development Director/Service Unit Manager for your community when you have completed your Silver Award.

STEP 6: REFLECT ⇨ THINK ABOUT IT.

How has earning the Girl Scout Silver Award changed you and impacted others?

- Reflect on what you did and answer questions to evaluate your effort.
- Celebrate your accomplishment.

Planning, implementation, and evaluation (STEPS 4-6) should take a minimum of 40 hours. A complete list of the STEPS of the Girl Scout Silver Award can be found in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert* or materials available on request from the Girl Scout council. The *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert* is designed for use with the *STUDIO 2B Basics With Binder Set*.

Girl Scout Silver Award® FAQ's

(Some FAQ's adapted from "On Your Mind?" section in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*)

Who can earn the Girl Scout Silver Award?

A girl must be a registered Girl Scout and be 11-14 or going in grades 6-9 to work on STEPS 1-4 of her Girl Scout Silver Award. She must be 12-14 or in grade 7-9 to work on STEPS 5 and 6. She must complete STEPS 5 and 6 by age 14 or before September 30th (the end of the membership year).

Do girls need to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award before they are in grade 10 or ages 14-18?

Yes, it can only be earned by girls 11-14 or in grades 6-9.

If a group of girls is bridging from Junior Girl Scouts in the spring, can they begin working on their Girl Scout Silver Award activities?

If girls celebrate moving from Juniors to the next level at the end of their school year (whether 5th or 6th grade) to whatever they decide to call themselves at the next level, they can start work on activities leading up to the Girl Scout Silver Award, such as Interest Project Awards or focus charms over the summer before they are registered "officially" for the next level. They must, however, be age 12 or going into the 7th grade to begin work on STEPS 5-6 of their Girl Scout Silver Award project (as stated in the new guidelines for the Girl Scout Silver Award.)

Can a group of girls work on their Girl Scout Silver Award together?

Yes! Girl Scout Silver Awards are often done by groups. It is important, however, that each girl have an individual leadership role and each girl logs her own 40 hours. Each girl should fill out her own *Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It! Insert* and the Girl Scout Silver Award Report Form, stating what she did and learned individually (and as a part of a group.) Individual projects are great too, especially if your interests take you in a different direction from the group members. (Of course, you can always volunteer to help each other!)

In the past we have had some projects that resemble community service projects signed off by advisors. How can we assure that Girl Scout Silver Awards represent quality projects?

Ensure that both the girl and her advisor receive orientation about the award and about the difference between a service project and a Girl Scout Silver Award project, whether it is through training, web site information, or a marketing piece. The last thing you want to do is tell a girl her project isn't the caliber of a Girl Scout Silver Award project when the report comes in. The project at that point reflects on the adults who are advising her and it would be unacceptable to refuse her the award if she had put in the hours and gone through the process.

Do girls need to complete the STEPS that come before the Girl Scout Silver Award project in any order?

Girls can do the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award and the Girl Scout Silver Career Award in any order, but they should do the Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge as the last STEP before doing the project. They must complete STEPS 1-4, be the correct age and be working with an advisor before working on their projects.

What is the Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge?

The Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge will help girls be better prepared and informed before choosing a project to spend many hours on. It was initiated to end the frustration girls expressed about coming up with ideas for projects. It also makes the 4B's (the Girl Scout program goals) a more meaningful part of the project and the logical time for the project advisor to step in to help girls once they focus on what they want to do. Since the Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge represents an important part of the project planning process, girls may count the hours working on the 4B's Challenge toward the hours on their project.

If a girl has done similar activities in pursuit of other Girl Scout awards, can these activities count toward the Girl Scout Silver Award?

Activities done prior to working on the awards or as activities counting toward other leadership awards cannot be counted toward the number of hours for this award. However, if a girl has earned, for example, the charm for a Focus book, which is one of the requirements for one of the awards, **she can set new goals for herself in that book.**

What is the difference between a troop/group advisor and a Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor in the Girl Scout Silver Award process? Do girls need both?

A troop/group advisor is the adult who is working with an ongoing troop or group. She works with girls in the first three STEPS of their Girl Scout Silver Award – helping them get initial information, working on the Silver Leadership Award, and the Girl Scout Silver Career Award. Some resource consultants may be brought in while girls are working on specific interest project awards, but the advisor will help girls keep on track and lay out an overall timeline. The troop/group advisor may help girls with the initial activities in working on the 4B's. Once a girl (or girls) develops her vision statement, the advisor might help her identify a person in the community who might be a great project advisor. Girls are encouraged to go beyond the group when seeking specific knowledge for a project. However, the troop/group advisor may act as the project advisor if she can fulfill that role and it is a decision arrived at by the girl and herself.

The Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor is an adult who has received training or will receive training on how to work with girls on the project. She will have specific experience related to the project. For example, if a girl is doing a project to benefit a homeless shelter, her project advisor might be the person who runs the shelter, or if girls are doing a literacy project, the project advisor might be a librarian. If girls are doing a day camp for girls, their advisor might be someone who has run day camps in the council or the community. It is possible that the troop/group advisor can work in partnership with the project advisor.

How do girls get a Silver Award advisor if they are not in a troop/group? Can they do the first STEPS on their own?

Individually registered girls (Juliettes) should check with their Girl Scout council or service unit. There should be an adult in place to help girls through the process. Once girls commit to working toward a Girl Scout Silver Award, they should have a Girl Scout Silver Award advisor assigned to them. That person will work with the girl through all of the STEPS or up to when a Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor is recruited or that person may act as the project advisor as well. This is because many of the STEPS involved discussion and analysis where feedback is needed.

Is it recommended that a girl's parent be her project advisor for the Girl Scout Silver Award?

For a number of reasons it is best to find a project advisor who is not the girl's parent. It is not always possible to get the full benefit of the leadership experience if working with a parent. If the mother is the person working with a group project, she might bring in a project advisor to assist her in the planning or implementation process, or make sure her daughter is working directly with her co-advisor. Avoid situations where parents do a girl's work, even when it comes to calling and asking questions. If money earning is involved, the girl and her advisor can act as a team, with the girls doing the planning and the adult doing the "ask." Girls can ask family members to help with their projects.

Do girls need to submit a plan to the council for approval?

No, you decide with your troop/group advisor and project advisor what your project is going to be. You do not need to obtain council approval for the Girl Scout Silver Award or submit a project report at the end of your work. Beginning in 2007, girls are no longer required to submit the Silver Award Report Forms. These reports are to be used as a tracking tool for girls and advisors.

What if girls want to help raise money for their local hospital, because someone in the troop/group is sick. Can they do this?

Girls need to follow national and council guidelines relating to fundraising and money earning. Girl Scouts cannot raise money for another organization according to GSUSA policy. However, girls can volunteer for that organization or decide to use money from their treasury to fund the work of their Girl Scout Silver Award (like buy paint to paint a homeless shelter). Instead of marching in a walk-a-thon, girls can volunteer to help with the registration or first aid or make sure everyone has water and a snack along the route. Any money earning MUST be reviewed and approved by the council BEFORE it is done. It is very important that you clear any fund-raising plans with your membership development director at the Girl Scout Service Center.

Are there projects besides fund raising that girls should not do for their Girl Scout Silver Awards?

If there is a question about whether it can be a Girl Scout Silver Award project, girls and their advisors should check with the council. Avoid projects that are just simple service projects, projects that involve web sites (usually a lot of legal issues involved), or like creating a "council's own" patch. If the project requires money earning or involves the council in any way (such as use of council property, a public event for the community or a partnership with another non-profit group) the council must give permission for the project to go ahead.

Where does a girl wear her related Girl Scout Silver Awards?

If a girl wears the Girl Scout uniform for girls 11-14, she can choose to wear her earned charms on a bracelet or charm holder pinned to her Girl Scout sash or vest with her other earned insignia. The Girl Scout Silver Award goes to the left of the GSUSA membership pin and the Girl Scout Silver Award with regular clothing as well.

What is the deadline? Where do I receive my award?

There is no council deadline to submit Silver Award Report Forms. The Silver Award should be presented at a community or troop ceremony. It is the girl/advisor's responsibility to check to see if the troop/service unit/community association has a deadline to turn in paperwork so that you can receive your pin at a ceremony in your community.

How do I get my Silver Award?

When you have completed the requirements and finished your project, you are eligible to receive your award. The Silver Award is typically presented at the community level at an end of the year recognition ceremony. It can also be presented at a troop ceremony. Awards are available at the council shop.

Do I need a project advisor?

You are encouraged to use resource people whose knowledge or careers can make your Girl Scout Silver Award the best it can be. If you are an individual member, ask your service unit manager or Volunteer Support Specialist to help you find an advisor for the process. WE encourage you to work with an adult who is not related to you.

Can a parent or my caregiver be my Silver Award project advisor? What if she or he is my troop/group advisor?

Your project advisor should be an adult other than your Girl Scout advisor or your parent or caregiver. This is an opportunity to learn from other adults who have expertise in your project. Your troop/group advisor, service unit manager, or Volunteer Support Specialist can help you find an advisor for your project.

Do we need to submit a plan to the council for approval?

You do not need council approval for your Girl Scout Silver Award project. With the help of your project advisor, you should select a project that will allow you to contribute a minimum of 40 hours to the community outside of Girl Scouting.

Do we need to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award before we are in grade 9 or by age 14?

Yes, it can only be earned by girls ages 11-14 or in grades 6-9. You don't have to complete a Girl Scout Silver Award to be a Girl Scout – it is an option for you.

Does that mean we need to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award before we work on the Girl Scout Gold Award?

This is kind of a trick question. You cannot work on the Girl Scout Gold Award before the age of 14 or 9th grade. The good news is that you don't need to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award to begin the Girl Scout Gold Award as a registered Girl Scout ages 14-17; however, it is helpful, as some of the processes are the same, and many of the skills you will develop in working on the Girl Scout Silver Award are a foundation for working on the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Sample Girl Scout Silver Award® Projects

Inspiration Corner

Need inspiration? Here are some sample projects to get you thinking.

- Clean up a polluted stream for wildlife
- Create a "science nook" at a school
- Create a Lou Henry Hoover Memorial Sanctuary at camp
- Establish a sustainable food pantry in your community
- Host a walker "pit stop" for an extended breast cancer walk
- Learn to be clowns and visit hospitals or senior centers
- Make puppet boxes to accompany stories for Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts
- Plan and coordinate a math day for younger girls
- Put on a bicycle safety fair in your community
- Start a sustainable recycling program at school
- Write and perform a puppet play to teach children safety tips they can use when not in school.

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Here's what some girls have done:

- created a library summer reading program for children
- ran a project for Girl Scouts on breast cancer awareness
- made a Girl Scout quilt and display for a local historical museum
- organized a career fair and field trip for a middle school
- conducted a community safety awareness day event
- landscaped a local shelter
- collected refurbished sports equipment for a children's shelter and ran a sport day event using the equipment
- created a nature trail that can be used by people with disabilities

Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert, page 29



From Good to Great: Successful Girl Scout Silver Award® Projects

One of the roles of the troop/group advisor and Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor is to help a girl or group of girls move a project that may be a good idea to a great idea. It is important to differentiate between a community service project and a Girl Scout Silver Award project. The latter should involve planning and individual opportunities for leadership and decision making. When working on a group project, each girl needs to play an individual role. Here are several activities that start as good service projects, but with some careful coaching, have moved into the caliber of Girl Scout Silver Award project.

Good Service Project	Great Girl Scout Silver Award Project!
Volunteering many hours at a Park Service site picking up litter.	Working with the park to establish an ongoing “Junior Ranger” Program for neighborhood children during the summer and weekends.
Working at the local library doing children’s story hours.	Creating an after school reading program for a homeless shelter after meeting with the children and establishing needs – building bookshelves and selecting books from donations.
Sewing pillows for very ill children in a hospital.	Assessing needs for the children’s hospital with administration and children. Teaching younger girls to sew “keeper pillows” and special head covers for ill children in several hospitals.
Planting flowers in a park during a community service day.	Organizing a community clean-up, beautification day and BBQ that becomes an annual event involving businesses and families. Planting window boxes, painting porches, and cleaning up vacant lots are some of the completed tasks.

Girl Scout Silver Award® Do's and Don'ts

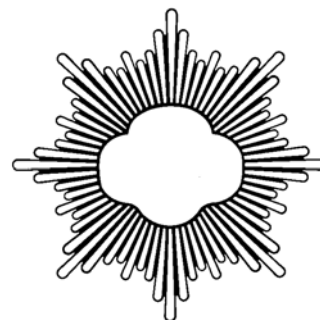
Do

- Ask your advisor or a council-approved adult to be your project advisor.
- Find out if your service unit/community has a schedule for submission of reports for award ceremonies and plan accordingly.
- Follow all national and council guidelines for fundraising.
- Follow all safety-guidelines found in *Safety-Wise*.
- Be able to document your unique role, hours, and accomplishments if working with a group on the project.

Don't

- Be afraid to do an individual project following your own interests.
- Be afraid to use resource people whose knowledge or careers can make your Girl Scout Silver Award the best that it can be.
- Submit a plan to the council for council approval—your project can be approved by your troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor.
- Feel you need to have earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award in order to work on this award.
- Feel like you have to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award in order to "go for the Gold" at the next age-level.

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Girl Scout Silver Award® Report Form

Use this form as a tracking tool to record your work on the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Name of School: _____

Troop/Group Number: _____ Community Association: _____ Service Unit: _____

Troop/Group Advisor's Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

If you are a Juliette Girl Scout, Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

STEP 1: ORGANIZE. Get Ready.

Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor: _____

Project Advisor's Phone: _____ Project Advisor's E-mail: _____

STEP 2: LEAD. Earn the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award.

EARN IT- Earn 3 Interest Projects Awards related to the values in the Girl Scout Law.

Interest Project Awards Earned	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
1.		
2.		
3.		

BELIEVE IT- Earn the STUDIO 2B FOCUS: uniquely Me! The Real Deal charm.

STUDIO 2B FOCUS Charm Earned	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
<i>Uniquely Me! The Real Deal</i>		

LEAD IT- Create a log of your 15 hours in two or more leadership roles on a separate paper. Clearly label your description of each leadership role, activities you did, and hours completed.

Leadership roles	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
1.		
2.		

JOURNAL IT- Complete the statements on page 13 of the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It!* Insert on a separate paper.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
Complete journal writing, pg. 13		

STEP 3: NETWORK- Earn the Girl Scout Silver Career Award.

WHAT'S OUT THERE?- Find out about four jobs using newspapers, internet, library, and other adults as resources. Answer the questions on page 15 of the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert on a separate paper.*

Four jobs I learned about:	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

WHO'S OUT THERE?- Talk to one college student and three adults about their career/job goals. Answer the questions on page 15 of the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert on a separate paper.*

Four people I talked to:	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

BE YOUR OWN BOSS- Earn the Your Own Business Interest Project Award.

Interest Project Award Earned	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
<i>Your Own Business</i>		

KEEP A JOURNAL- Complete the statements on pg. 16 of the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert on a separate paper.*

<i>Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It!</i>	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
Complete journal writing, pg. 16		

STEP 4: CREATE- Earn the Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge.

BECOME- Complete the chart on page 20 of the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert.* Choose a skill to practice and set a goal for improvement.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
Complete Skill chart, pg. 20		
Set an improvement goal to work on.		

BELONG- Set goals and earn the STUDIO 2B Focus: Looking In, Reaching Out charm.

STUDIO 2B FOCUS Charm Earned	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
<i>Looking In, Reaching Out</i>		

BELIEVE- Identify an issue that you feel strongly about and do something to make a difference. Answer the questions on page 22 of the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert* on a separate paper.

Issue I chose:	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature

BUILD- Collect information and complete the “My Plans and Solutions” worksheet on page 23 in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*. Use the questions on page 22 as a guide and record your answers on a separate paper.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
Collect information, pg. 22		
“My Plans and Solutions”, pg. 23		

STEP 5: ACT- Earn your Girl Scout Silver Award. (Plan and do your project.)

PLAN IT- Identify a community problem/need, what you want to do about it, and commit to an issue. Use the work you did on the 4B’s Challenge on pages 19-23 in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert* to help you choose your issue.

Issue I chose:	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature

KNOW MORE ABOUT IT- Collect as much information as you can about your issue. Use the “Believe” section on page 22 in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert* as a guide for this process; answer the questions on a separate paper.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
“Believe” in your issue, pg. 22		

CHOOSE IT- Brainstorm ways to solve the problem and create a budget for your project. Use the “Build” section on page 22 in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert* as a guide for this process; answer the questions on a separate paper.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
“Build” your issue, pg. 22		

MAP IT- Write a detailed list of project steps/resources needed, create a timeline, and log your hours on a separate paper.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
Write down the project steps/resources.		
Create a timeline.		

DO IT- Put your plan into action.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
Do your project.		

STEP 6: REFLECT- Think About It.

Take time to reflect on what you did and answer the questions on page 29 in the *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert*.

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor/Consultant Signature
Complete reflection questions, pg. 29		

Title of Project: _____

Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

A. Describe the issue your project addressed, what you achieved, and who benefited.

B. Describe your reasons for selecting this project.

C. List the skills, talents, and abilities that you put into action.

D. Describe the steps involved for putting your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment needed. (You may attach a separate paper.)

E. Indicate methods and/or tools utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of your project.

G. List the name of the agency that you did your project for and the name of the person at the agency that you worked with.

F. List the consultants and resources you used, including those people who worked with you on your project and the resources you found to be of most help.

H. Briefly evaluate your project. What did you learn? What did you accomplish? What would you do differently?

Advisor Signature

Girl Signature

Date

Beginning in 2007, girls are NOT required to submit a copy of the Girl Scout Silver Award Report Forms to council. These forms are to be used as a tracking tool.

Girl Scout Silver Award® Project Hours

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY (give details)	PHASE P, I, or E	HOURS
TOTAL (should be 40 hours)		

The planning, implementation, and evaluation phase (P, I, E) help you to organize your project. Planning, implementation, and evaluation should total a minimum of 40 hours.

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A Message to Girl Scouts 11-14

Find Your Voice

Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award gives you a chance to do something totally different from anything you have ever done before - something very important and powerful. You have a chance to make the world a better place and earn three other awards along the way. Here is what some girls have to say about going for the Silver:

“Leadership is a result of personal reflection.”

-Natasha, 17

“Don’t get overwhelmed. Stick to your agenda and keep your goals in mind.”

Stefanie, 17

“I had an amazing time doing my project. I learned anything is possible.”

-Adrienne, 15

“If you are working on your project as a group, make sure that each girl has her own important role. Everyone needs to work hard and use her own skills to get the project completed.”

-Hannah, 17

When I was going for my Girl Scout Silver Award, I felt like I was walking up a mountain. But when I reached the top of the mountain, I felt the greatest sense of accomplishment and pride. Trust me- it’s all worth it in the end.”

-Lipica, 16

“Make sure that you pick a project that deals with your passions. A passionate person doing a project will lead to great things.”

-Hannah, 17

Ever think that one person can make a difference?

The *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It! Insert* will help you to organize your thoughts and turn your dreams into a reality. Plan for success and implement a project that will change your life and those your project is trying to serve. *Go For It!* fits into your STUDIO 2B Basics binder so you can track and log the STEPS and stages of your path toward the highest award in Girl Scouts.

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Benefits of Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award[®]

1. The Girl Scout Silver Award is recognized as the second highest award in Girl Scouting. It is a national award with national standards, awarded by your council on behalf of Girl Scouts of the USA.
2. You are recognized as a future community leader if you have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award as an individual or as part of a group.
3. Although you don't have to do the Girl Scout Silver Award before going for the Girl Scout Gold Award, going for the Girl Scout Silver Award develops skills that will allow you to stretch in going for the Girl Scout Gold Award.
4. You'll find yourself supported by the community while on your quest for leadership in many ways. Being a Girl Scout will open many doors.
5. Having your family members pitch in to help with your project can be fun! It can be a positive time spent working together.
6. Believe it or not, younger girls will look up to you when you earn that award. Are you prepared to help mentor someone?
7. Learning to work closely with a group to accomplish your goal for the community can be a lesson in cooperation, leadership, and compromise. Teamwork is a skill that goes beyond the sports field.
8. Working on a Girl Scout Silver Award is a safe way to build your leadership skills while acting on a community issue you really care about.
9. You will build skills and expand your knowledge. Who knows what you can accomplish before you set the goal and go for it!
10. You will create change in the world around you.
11. Working on the project with friends can be a lot of fun!



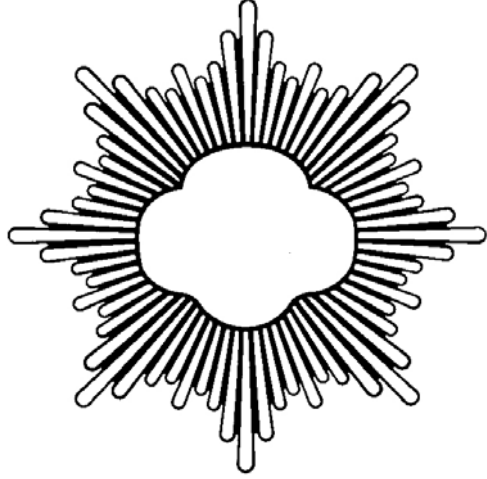
Ways Parents/Guardians Can Support Girls Working on the Girl Scout Silver Award[®]

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting that girls 11-14 can earn. It represents a girl's commitment to herself and to her community, as she focuses on leadership, career exploration, personal challenges and completing a project that will benefit her community. It takes many hours of preparation, planning, and work to accomplish the goals a girl has set for herself.

Parents/guardians play a significant role in supporting a girl's path to the Girl Scout Silver Award. As a parent you may be called upon to be coach, mentor, cheerleader, sounding board, and chauffeur.

As a parent, you are not expected to be a taskmaster – this is the girl's project. However, you can assist the girl by:

- Reading through the materials provided to girls regarding these awards so that you feel comfortable offering support.
- Encouraging and supporting her, but not pressuring her. “Going for the Silver” is something that a girl has to want to do herself.
- Helping her choose a topic that will become the basis for her project if she asks for ideas. Remember, however, that the topic is based on her passions, not yours.
- Aiding in her accessing a network of adults who can lend insight, provide contacts, and point to resources. You may work with someone who has just the skill set your daughter needs in an advisor, or someone who belongs to a service club that your daughter and her advisor can approach for financial assistance.
- Supporting a girl in following any Girl Scout safety or money earning guidelines during her path to the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is important to assure the safety of your daughter and the integrity of the Girl Scout program.
- Allowing your daughter to stumble and learn the lessons that come with the Girl Scout Silver Award project. She will have a Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor, an adult who has been trained to assist her in partnership.
- Realizing that your daughter is capable, competent, and worthy of respect as she assumes more responsibilities within her community. Provide her with positive and constructive support on this journey.
- Attending the event if it is appropriate, and joining in the celebration as your daughter is honored for her accomplishments.



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