

Gold Award At-A-Glance
Existing Requirements and New Requirements Comparison
GIRL SCOUT
GOLD AWARD®

TRANSITIONAL PERIOD: *THERE IS A TWO YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD. BEGINNING SUMMER 2009 AND CONTINUING UNTIL FALL OF 2011, GIRLS WILL BE ABLE TO EARN AWARDS UNDER THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS OR THE NEW REQUIREMENTS. THE NEW REQUIREMENTS BECOME OFFICIAL OCTOBER 1, 2011 (BEGINNING OF 2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). IF THE MAJORITY OF WORK WILL BE DONE DURING THE 2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR, THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE USED.*

REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION	EXISTING REQUIREMENTS	NEW REQUIREMENTS
GRADE	Girls must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador	Girls must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gold Award is the highest award a Senior or Ambassador can earn in Girl Scouting • Completing the Gold Award project is more than a community service project; it encompasses organizational, leadership and networking skills. • This project encourages girls to make a lasting change for the better of her community • Help and guidance provided by Troop/Group Leader or Advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gold Award is the highest award a Senior or Ambassador can earn in Girl Scouting • The new guidelines for the Gold Award set Standards of Excellence. Girls are asked to meet the standards throughout the Gold Award process • With the Standards of Excellence, girls are challenged to think deeply, explore opportunities, and challenge themselves. • Girls are also asked to identify the leadership outcomes they aim to achieve and to assess their own leadership learning when they have completed their Take Action Project. • Girls will take action on a community issue of interest • Help and guidance provided by Project Advisor
PRE-REQUISITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award • Three Interest Projects • One Studio 2B Focus Book • Earn the Girl Scout Gold Career Award (Complete 40 hours) • Earn the 4 B's Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) OR • Earn the Silver Award AND complete One Senior or Ambassador Journey • Individual girl or small group led; selects and recruits Project Advisor

	(Become, Belong, Believe, Build)	
PROJECT RESOURCES	<p><u>Senior and Ambassador Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resource Book for Senior Girl Scouts (Guidelines outdated-Use Pre-requisites) • Studio 2B Focus Book Series • Interest Projects for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts • Girl Scout Gold Award Go For It! Insert • Gold Award Packet <p><u>Other Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Scout Award Program Website at www.gsdsww.org 	<p><u>Senior Journeys</u> GIRLtopia: It's Your World—Change It! OR Sow What?: It's Your Planet—Love It! OR MISSION: SISTERHOOD!: It's Your Story—Tell It! (Released in December 2010)</p> <p><u>Ambassador Journeys</u> Your Voice, Your World: It's Your World—Change It! OR Justice: It's Your Planet—Love It! OR BLISS: Live It! Give It!: It's Your Story—Tell It! (Released in December 2010) (Girls must complete the Journey series of their current age-level/Ex. An Ambassador cannot complete two Senior Journeys)</p> <p><u>Other Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Scout Gold Award Toolkit- Standards of Excellence • Gold Award Guideline Packet (Girl/Adult) • Gold Award Workshop (offered regionally) • Girl Scout Award Program Website www.gsdsww.org
PROJECT HOURS	Must complete 65 hours	Must complete 80 hours
PROJECT/TAKE ACTION PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls can complete project individually or may choose to work with other Girl Scouts.** • Girls will need to identify a project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond. <p>**If girls choose to engage in a collective project, each member of the team must have a standalone project within the group project. *Council approval needed for any money earning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual or Group Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond. <p>**While an individually led project is the expected norm, in exceptional circumstances, a local council can use its judgment and approve a small group of Senior and/or Ambassador Girl Scouts. **If girls choose to engage in a collective project, each member of the team must have a standalone project within the group project and must meet the Standards of Excellence. (All group projects must schedule an appointment prior to submitting an application by calling 800-895-7390 or 800-594-5677)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puts the Promise and Law into action

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SUSTAINABLE	Sustainability not clearly identified/outlined.	Take Action Project includes provisions to ensure sustainability.
GLOBAL	Global not addressed.	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	Gold Award Review Committee	Gold Award Review Committee
PROJECT SUBMISSION PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Girl Scout Gold Award Application or Girl Scout Gold Award Project Final Report • Submit Gold Award paperwork for approval. Final Reports are due by March 15. (All group projects must schedule an appointment prior to submitting an application by calling 800-895-7390 or 800-594-5677) • Mail paperwork to: Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Attn: Gold Award Review Committee; 9700 Girl Scout Way; El Paso, TX 79924 • Gold Award Candidate notified regarding decision of committee by written communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Girl Scout Gold Award Application or Girl Scout Gold Award Project Final Report • Submit Gold Award paperwork for approval. Final Reports are due by March 15. (All group projects must schedule an appointment prior to submitting an application by calling 800-895-7390 or 800-594-5677) • Mail paperwork to: Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Attn: Gold Award Review Committee; 9700 Girl Scout Way; El Paso, TX 79924 • Gold Award Candidate notified regarding decision of committee by written communication