

Silver Award At-A-Glance
Existing Requirements and New Requirements Comparison
GIRL SCOUT
SILVER 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 7th, 8th or 9th grade and registered as a Girl Scout Cadette	Girls must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade and registered as a Girl Scout Cadette
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn in Girl Scouting • Completion of the project helps girls build skills, explore careers, gain leadership skills, and make a commitment to self-improvement. • Project represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. <p>**A girl entering 9th grade in 2010 may still complete her Silver Award because existing requirements allow her until the end of her ninth grade year to complete this award.</p> <p>**Special circumstances will be taken into consideration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn in Girl Scouting • Gives girls the specific knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that will make them leaders in their own lives and in their communities • Encourages girls to discover themselves and their values, explore the world, connect with others locally and globally, and take action to make the world a better place. • Promise and Law are the foundation for earning the Silver Award • The steps to earning the Silver Award is rooted in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, and the three keys to leadership –Discover, Connect and Take Action • Girls will take action on a community issue of interest • Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer
PRE-REQUISITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn the Leadership Award - Complete three Interest Projects • Uniquely Me! The Real Deal (Studio 2 B Focus Book) • Complete 15 hours in a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) OR • Earn the Silver Award AND complete One Senior or Ambassador Journey

	<p>Leadership Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn the Girl Scout Career Award (What's Out There, Who's Out There, Your Own Business) • Earn the 4 B's Challenge (Become, Belong, Believe, Build) • Work as an individual or in a small group where girls take the lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete one Cadette Journey • Work as an individual or in a small group (2-4 girls) where girls take the lead
PROJECT RESOURCES	<p><u>Cadette Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadette Girl Scout Handbook pg. 135 (Guidelines outdated-Use Pre-requisites) • Cadette Resources • Interest Projects for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts • Studio 2B Focus Book Series • Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It! Insert <p><u>Other Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Scout Award Program website at www.gsdsww.org 	<p><u>Cadette Journey</u> Amaze: It's Your World—Change It! OR Breathe: It's Your Planet—Love It! OR MEdia: It's Your Story—Tell It! (Released December 2010)</p> <p><u>Other Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Award Guidelines Packet (Girl/Adult) • Silver Award Workshop (offered regionally) • Girl Scout Award Program website www.gsdsww.org
PROJECT HOURS	Must complete 40 hours	Must complete 50 hours
PROJECT/TAKE ACTION PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual or group will complete a project that demonstrates the girls using a Girl Scout Promise and Law that will benefit Girl Scouts or the local community. <p>*Council approval needed for any money earning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual or group (2-4 girls) Take Action Project that makes the local neighborhood or community better. • Puts the Promise and Law into action <p>*Council approval needed for any money earning</p>
SUSTAINABLE	Sustainability not clearly identified/outlined.	Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.
GLOBAL	Global not addressed.	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.
PROJECT APPROVAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troop/Group Volunteer gives approval for project completed • Council Representative reviews project forms submitted by Troop/Group Volunteer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troop/Group Volunteer gives approval for project completed • Council Representative reviews project forms submitted by Troop/Group Volunteer
PROJECT SUBMISSION PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Girl Scout Silver Award Report(s) Form (Reports accepted year round) • Mail paperwork to: Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Attn: Silver Award Review; 9700 Girl Scout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Girl Scout Silver Award Report(s) Form (Reports accepted year round) • Mail paperwork to: Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Attn: Silver Award Review; 9700 Girl

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