



Lead On: Your 5 Steps to the Gold Award

Ready to earn the Gold Award? Follow these five golden steps to earn the highest Girl Scouts honor!

☐ Gold Status

Be a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador (grades 9–12). Before starting, you must earn **one Leadership Award** or **be a Silver Award Girl Scout**. If you are in the middle of your journey - keep going! Journeys will remain eligible to meet prerequisites through October 1, 2026.

Have you heard about the new [Leadership Awards](#)? Ask us for more info, or check out this link!

☐ Strike Gold

Choose **an issue** you're passionate about—something that matters to you and your community. Identify the **root cause** and design a project that will create **lasting, measurable change** and supports a **National and/or Global link**. Your Gold Award project must reflect **at least 80 hours** of your time and leadership from start to finish.

☐ Your Gold Guide

Select **a non-related adult expert** as your project advisor to provide guidance, share expertise, and help keep you on track. Review the **Gold Award guidelines** from GSUSA and GSOFCT so you know exactly what's expected.

While there are no required trainings before diving in to your proposal, we highly recommend digging in to all of the resources available to you.

☐ GoGold & Get Approved

Submit your proposal in [the GoGold platform](#) for the **Gold Award Committee** to review. Wait for **official approval** before you begin—feedback may be provided to help strengthen your plan.

☐ Go Gold

Carry out your project, keeping detailed records of your hours, progress, and impact. Submit your **Final Report** in GoGold when complete. Final reports must be submitted by **September 15th** of the year the Girl Scouts leave 12th grade. To be included in the GSOFCT Highest Award Class, reports must be turned in by **March 15**. You will then be invited to an **interview with the Gold Award Committee** to brag about all facets of your project.

*Once approved, celebrate at **the Gold Award Ceremony** and be recognized across the state for your contribution to your community.*