



Lead On: Your 5 Steps to Silver Award

Ready to earn the Silver Award? Follow these five steps to reach the highest award a Cadette can earn!

☐ Silver Status

Be a registered Cadette (grades 6–8). Before starting, you must earn **one Leadership Award** or be a **Bronze 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](#)!

☐ Shape Your Silver Team

Work **solo** or with a **small group** of up to **four Cadettes**. You can gather other community members to assist with your project. Remember, Silver Award projects take time and attention! Each Cadette must commit at least **50 hours** to planning and carrying out their project, and you can begin anytime in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.

☐ Find Your Spark

Choose a **community issue** you care about. Explore the **root cause** and design a project that creates **lasting** and **measurable change**. Use GSUSA and GSOFCT's Silver Award guidelines and resources to help shape your idea.

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!

☐ Submit & Get Approved

Share your project proposal through the [GSOFCT Silver Award Project Proposal JotForm](#). Each individual Cadette must submit a project proposal for approval. Our team will review your idea and may provide feedback to help strengthen your plan before you begin.

☐ Go Silver

Carry out your project and keep track of your hours, progress, and impact. When you've finished, an **adult** who can verify the project's completion can submit [one Final Report](#). Final reports must be submitted by **September 30th** of the year the Girl Scouts leave 8th grade and enter 9th grade. To be included in the GSOFCT Highest Award Class, reports must be turned in by **March 31**.

After submission, celebrate your achievement at the Highest Awards Celebration and be recognized for stepping up as a leader in your community.