

			
LEVEL	JUNIOR	CADETTE	SENIOR & AMBASSADOR
JOURNEY REQUIREMENT	Complete one (1) Junior Journey	Complete one (1) Cadette Journey	Complete two (2) Senior or Ambassador Journeys <u>OR</u> Silver Award & one (1) Journey
PROJECT	Completed as a troop or individually	Completed as a small group (3 people max) or individually	Completed individually
TIME	20 hours	50 Hours	80 Hours
PROPOSAL	No formal proposal. Approved by Troop Leader	No formal proposal. Approved by Troop Leader	Proposal submitted online through GoGold & approved by council.
FINAL PROJECT	Submitted to council through https://tinyurl.com/Bronze2021 . Certificates/letters will be mailed after submission.	Submitted online through https://tinyurl.com/Silver2021 and approved by council	Submitted online through GoGold & approved by council.
DEADLINE	September 30 th of 6 th grade	September 30 th of 9 th grade	September 30 th of freshman year of college

Highest Awards Frequently Asked Questions

Why are journeys prerequisites to earn the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards?

Journeys give Girl Scouts a full experience of what they will do as they work to earn the highest awards. The skills Girl Scouts gain while working on the journeys will help them develop, plan and implement their award Take Action project. Below you will find the journey prerequisites for earning each award.

Bronze Journey Prerequisites: *Agent of Change, Get Moving, Amuse*

Silver Journey Prerequisites: *Amaze, Breathe, Media*

Gold Award Journey Prerequisites: **Senior Level Journeys:** *Girltopia, Mission: Sisterhood, Sow What*

Ambassador Level Journeys: *Bliss, Your Voice Your World, Justice*

How do girls know when a Journey is “completed”?

A Journey is completed when a girl has earned the Journey awards, which include creating and carrying out a Take Action project.

What makes the awards' guidelines different from the journeys?

In contrast to journey Take Action projects, which give girls guidelines and themes on which to base their journey Take Action project, the Girl Scout Highest Award Take Action projects have no pre-designed theme. Girls select their own theme, design, and execute their Take Action project on a larger scale.

What are the suggested hours for earning each of the awards?

The length of time needed to complete each highest award varies for each award. The time it takes to earn the awards is dependent on the nature of the project, the size of the team, and the support of the community.

After the journey requirement is fulfilled, the required minimum number of hours to use as a guide are:

Bronze Award: required minimum 20 hours

Silver Award: required minimum 50 hours

Gold Award: required minimum 80 hours

What activities count towards the project hours?

Project hours may include time spent researching the issue, root cause, solution, planning the project, enacting the project plan, communicating with advisors or volunteers, delegating tasks or leading the work of others, and educating/inspiring others. You may also include a maximum of **three (3)** hours of the time it takes you to complete, package, and submit your final project. (*) These hours **may not** include prerequisite Journey hours, Girl Scout product sale time, travel time, or the hours any volunteers spent on the project.

Can Girl Scouts working as a team for their Silver Award Project submit one identical time log?

No. Silver Award Girl Scouts working as a team must submit their own individual time logs showcasing their distinctive roles and responsibilities throughout the project. Duties may overlap at certain times which is expected. However, hours reported cannot resemble **no more than 25%** of total project hours between group members. For example, if the project time log totals 50 hours, 12.5 of those hours can be contributed to teamwork – 37.5 of those hours must showcase individual contribution to the project.

**To discuss needs or special accommodations, please contact Yanira Camino at ycamino@girlscoutsnyc.org.*

Can girls begin working on their awards the summer after they bridge (transition) from one Girl Scout level to the next?

Yes. Girls can begin to work on the requirements to earn their award over the summer.

Can Take Action Projects for the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards focus on Girl Scouting?

Yes. Girl Scouts who are working on their Silver and Gold Award may now do final projects that benefit their Girl Scout community. Silver and Gold Awards must still meet the requirements that are key to taking sustainable action:

- The project must make a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond.
- The project puts the Girl Scout Promise and Law into effect.
- The project includes provisions to ensure sustainability.
- The project identifies national and/global links to the girl's selected issue.
- Most importantly, the project inspires others.

Is the Girl Scout Bronze Award a prerequisite for the Girl Scout Silver Award or Girl Scout Gold Award?

No. However, it's a great foundation for the process as many of the skills learned in working on the Bronze Award are a foundation for working on the Silver Award and Gold Award. As well, the Silver Award is not a prerequisite for the Gold Award.

What does it mean to have a sustainable project?

A sustainable project is one that lasts after the girl's involvement ends. A focus on education and raising awareness is one way to make sure a project is carried on. Virtual workshops and online tutorials can inspire others to keep the project going. Another way to create a sustainable project is by collaborating with community groups, civic associations, non-profit agencies, local government, and/or religious organizations.

What if a girl has already done some similar activities while earning other Girl Scout awards? Can these activities count toward her Girl Scout Highest Award?

Activities done prior to working on a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award may not count toward the number of hours for this award.

Can Girl Scouts fundraise for their Highest Award Project?

Fundraising is not allowed for the Bronze & Silver Award, but girls may ask for "in-kind" donations such as materials and goods. Girl Scouts can create a "wish list" through a website to list the items they'll need and share it with friends, family and the community.

Girl Scouts pursuing their Gold Award may fundraise but must follow all the council rules for money earning. Please refer to the Money Earning Guidelines.

Can a girl who is developmentally disabled or developmentally delayed earn the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award? Don't we need a different set of requirements?

The Bronze Award is something done to the best of a girl's ability. There is not a need to have special requirements for girls who are developmentally disabled or delayed – we encourage flexibility and the recruitment of advisors that can work with the girl individually.