

Silver Award Team Pro Tips: What You Need to Know

How to Earn the Girl Scout Silver Award

1. Find an issue you care about.
2. Build your Silver Award team (up to 4 Cadettes) or decide to go solo. **If you choose to work with other Cadettes, you MUST review the *Important Tips for Working as a Team* below.**
3. Explore your community and think about how the issue affects those around you.
4. Choose a Silver Award project that can create lasting change.
5. Develop your Take Action project.
6. Make a plan, ensure it's sustainable, and put it into motion.
7. Dedicate at least 50 hours working on your project.
8. Reflect, share your story, and celebrate your success!

Important Tips for Working as a Team

If you choose to work with other Girl Scouts (teams of 2-4), keep these key points in mind:

- Each Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 50 hours on the Take Action project. This means 50 hours per girl, not 50 hours total for the entire team. EX. 2 Girl Scouts need 100 hours in TOTAL and 50 Hours EACH.
- Time logs must be unique and cannot be identical. While some hours may overlap (working together on certain tasks), each team member's time log should reflect the specific work she contributed.
- Final reports must be individual and distinct. Each Girl Scout must write her own report describing her unique contributions and reflections.
- Each team member should take on different leadership roles. While you can collaborate on the main components of the project, you need to lead and complete different parts or tasks.
- You can complete up to 20 hours together on shared activities, but the remaining 30+ hours must be completed independently.
- Once finished, each Girl Scout must submit her final report individually through the designated submission link.

Why This Matters

Working as a team is a great way to share ideas and support each other — but the Silver Award is also about your individual leadership, learning, and impact. Following these tips will help you showcase your unique contributions and earn the award with pride!

Questions?

Reach out to your troop leader or contact the Highest Awards Team at highestawards@girlscoutsnyc.org.