

Your Role as a Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor that a Girl Scout can earn. It represents a process and commitment to developing and using leadership skills to affect a positive change in a girl's community. Girl Scouts of the USA's Mission Statement is: "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place." By agreeing to act as a Project Advisor, you are taking the first step towards helping a confident young woman become an asset to her community by making the world a better place.

The role of the Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor is unique and vitally important to a girl's project. Throughout her time as a Girl Scout, a girl will have many inspiring role models enter her life. *The Project Advisor acts as an expert in the topic of the girl's Gold Award Project, providing guidance, experience, and expertise throughout the Gold Award.*

What is the Girl Scout Gold Award?

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor that a Girl Scout Senior (9th-10th grade) and Ambassador (11th-12th grade) can earn. This prestigious award is only earned by 6% of Girl Scouts nationally, and represents years of planning, hard work, and dedication to making the world a better place. Generally, Gold Award projects take approximately 80 hours to complete, and must be sustainable and make a measurable impact. The Girl Scout Gold Award follows seven steps:

1) Identify an issue. 2) Investigate it thoroughly. 3) Get help and build your team. 4) Create a plan. 5) Present your plan and gather feedback. 6) Take Action. 7) Educate and inspire.

Girls who earn their Gold Award are recognized at our annual Recognition of Excellence Awards Ceremony. Earning their Gold Award sets them apart from their peers, makes them stand out on college applications and job resumes, and gives them the tools and skills that they need to be successful in life.

What is the expected time commitment for a Gold Award Project Advisor?

The Project Advisor should be willing to work with the girl as much as the individual girl needs. This can vary from meeting once a week to meeting once a month (girls and Project Advisors should not meet less than once a month). Each girl will identify with her Project Advisor the specific time commitments she requires for her individual project.

What is expected from a Gold Award Project Advisor?

The Gold Award Project Advisor is meant to be a mentor and resource guide to the girl throughout her Gold Award Project. They do not need to know everything about Girl Scouts—they instead are meant to fill the role of the subject matter expert of the project. Project Advisors provide the girl with the project knowledge base, reference points, networking, and guidance that will ensure she meets the needs of the issue she is addressing.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

The Project Advisor is welcome to contact Girl Scouts of Utah at any time with questions or concerns about their role, the Gold Award, or Girl Scouting in general. You can email us at programs@gsutah.org or call 801-265-8472.



Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor Agreement Form

Volunteering to be a Gold Award Project Advisor involves a commitment of time and mentoring a relationship to help a girl succeed in her goal-setting, planning, and the actual fulfillment of her project. Please review the Gold Award and its requirements at <http://www.gsutah.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/highest-awards/gold-award.html>. If you have any questions regarding the commitment of being a Gold Award Project Advisor, please contact programs@gsutah.org or 801-265-8472 We are here to help you as you help your Gold Award candidate succeed!

Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate Name: _____

Project Advisor Name: _____

Organization: _____

Project Advisor’s Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Project Advisor’s Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Project Advisor’s Email Address: _____

I have reviewed the process involved in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award and have met with the Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate listed above to begin the process of planning for her success. I agree to act as her Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor and to abide by the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return this bottom section to the Gold Award candidate so she can submit to the Girl Scout Council Office.