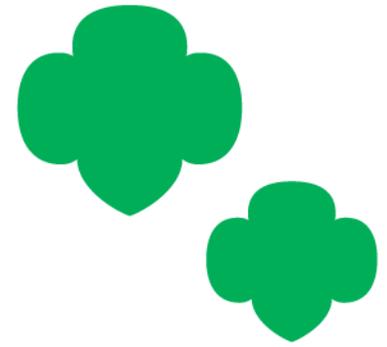




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Representative**

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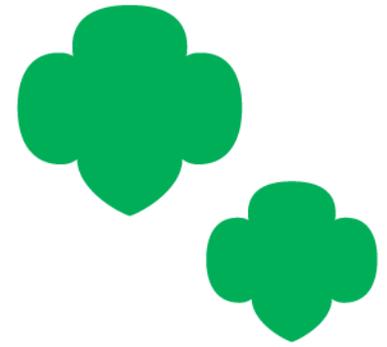
Higher Awards Representative Training



- Today we will:
 - Go through the responsibilities of Higher Awards Representatives
 - Go through resources and support available



Higher Awards Representatives



Provide information and support to girls in your Community who are working towards their Program Aid/Volunteer-in-Training Pin and Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award.

The support to girls and adults will be varied, based on the needs of troops and the individual girls.





Did you know?

That the Girl Scout Bronze Award is only 17 years old? It was introduced in 2001!

Higher Awards Representatives



Have a complete understanding of the Higher Awards and where to find resources associated with the Awards through Girl Scout training

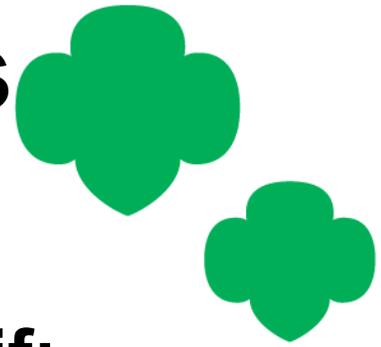
- Work with Program Staff to understand national requirements of the Higher Awards.
- Communicate resources at Community Leadership Team meetings and troop meetings.

Encourage Culture of Sustainable Change in Communities

- Partner with the Troop Leader Mentor when working with girls to complete Journeys and a Take Action project.
- Support Troop Leaders and girls working towards their Silver Award.
- Understand the differences between a Community Service Project and a Take Action Project.
- Serve as the main point of contact for girls in the community to ask questions, get clarification, and provide support as needed.
- Work with the Juliette Representative to support girls receiving Higher Awards within the Juliette program.



Higher Awards Representatives

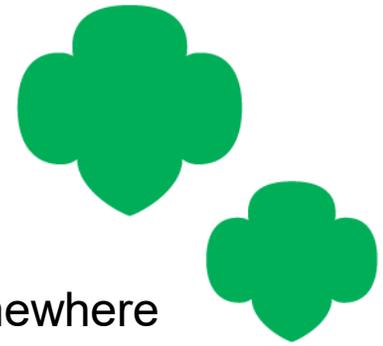


This position will be a good fit for you if:

- You are passionate about the Girl Scout Higher Awards and are excited to share this passion with others.
- You are able to communicate well both verbally and orally with diverse populations.
- You are flexible and can adapt to a growing process for supporting girls who are working towards earning their Higher Awards.



Mentor Awards



- **Program Aide**

- Cadette Program Aides are girls whose responsibilities and role fall somewhere between being a girl and an adult guide. Through the Cadette Program Aide experience girls will participate in leadership training (Program Aide training) and then implement what they have learned with a group of girls.
- Girls who are interested in earning their Cadette Program Aide are choosing to take a position of leadership and want to share her Girl Scout knowledge with others.

- **Volunteer-In-Training**

- Volunteers-in-Training are girls who have completed 9th grade who would like to mentor a Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette group outside of the camp experience (girls in 10th-12th grade are eligible for this award). To become a Volunteer-in-Training, girls must complete the prerequisites.
- The skills learned also are applicable to everyday life and will help girls become confident, effective leaders in everything they do. Becoming a Volunteer-in-Training is also a great résumé boost for girls and sets them up for success when going for their Gold!



Program Aides (PA)



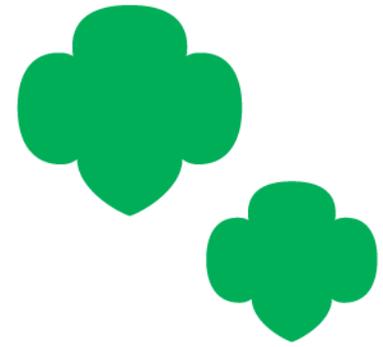
To become a Program Aide Cadette Girl Scouts:

1. Earn one LiA (Leadership in Action) Award. The requirements for this can be found in The Cadette Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting on page 30.
 - The LiA is earned by assisting a Brownie Troop to complete a Journey
 - Girls share their organizational skills, use one of their special skills, and teach Brownies something important from the Journey, then lead the reflection on the experiences.
1. Complete the Program Aide Council Training. This training will include leadership training and learning to work with children. To sign up for this training, go to Girl Scouts of Utah's activity finder and register to attend.
2. Then girls work directly with younger girls over six activity sessions. How this happens for each girl may vary. This can be assisting girls on Journey activities (in addition to what they have already done for their LiA), badge activities, troop meetings, or other activities. They can also help out at day camps or council events to complete this last step.
3. Girls track each session and then turn in their documentation to a shop, where they purchase their PA Pin



<http://www.gsutah.org/en/events/event-calendar.html>

Volunteer-In-Training (VIT)



To become a Volunteer-in-Training, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts:

1. Find a mentor volunteer who is currently the adult volunteer for a group of girls at the level they would like to work with. This volunteer helps them through the training and internship, and the VIT's help the volunteer with their group of girls for a three-to-six month period.
2. Complete the Volunteer-in-Training Council Leadership Course. To sign up for this course, go to Girl Scouts of Utah's activity finder and register to attend.
3. Create and implement a thoughtful program based on a Journey or Badge that lasts over four or more sessions. Girls are responsible for designing, planning, and evaluating the activities.



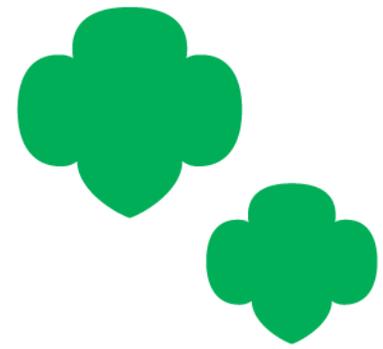
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Online Information

Training Catalog

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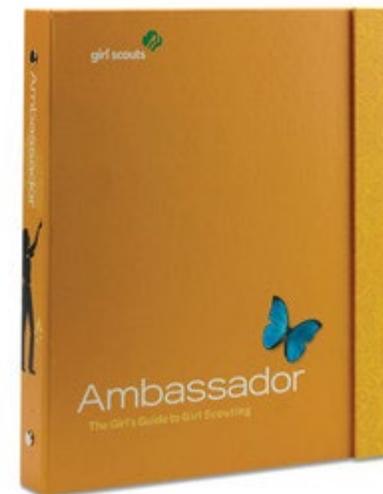
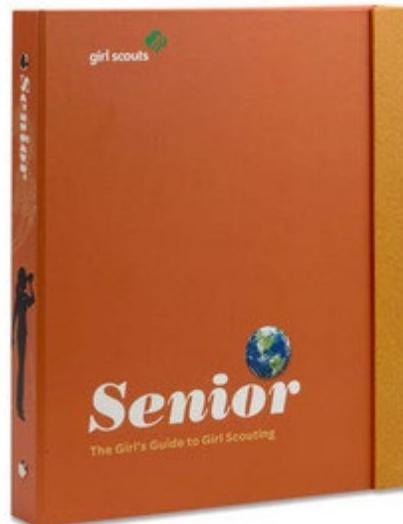
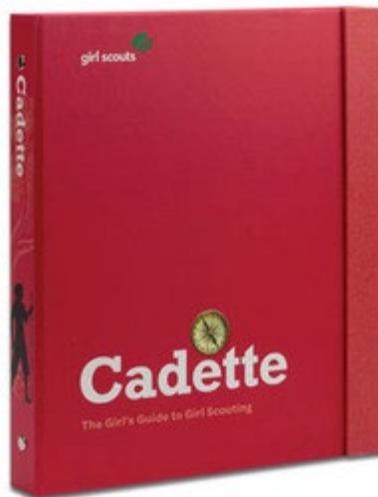
Activities Calendar

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GSU Website

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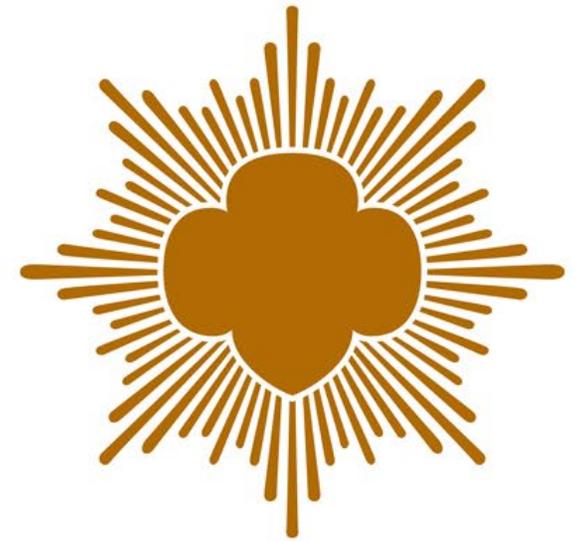
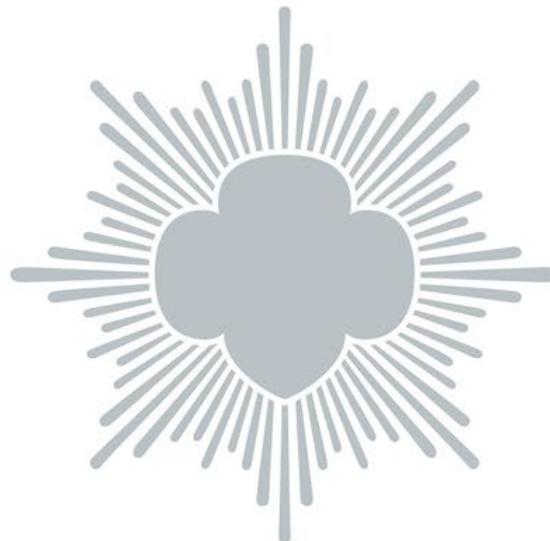
Girl Guide to Girl Scouting



Bronze Award

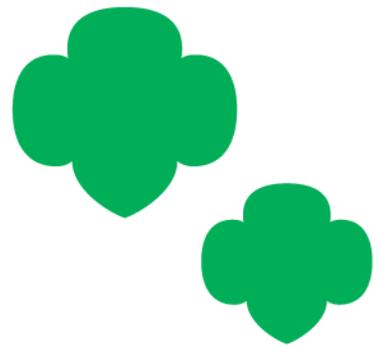
Silver Award

Gold Award



Bronze Award

The highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve.



Girls who

Are in grades 4-5 (Junior Girl Scouts)

Are a currently registered member of Girl Scouts

Have completed a Junior Journey, including the Take Action project

Recommended Timeframe

Fall: complete a Junior Journey, including the *Take Action Project*

Once the girls have completed the Take Action Project begin to brainstorm Bronze Award Project

Spring: begin the Project

Complete the Project by **September 30** and submit the Final Report

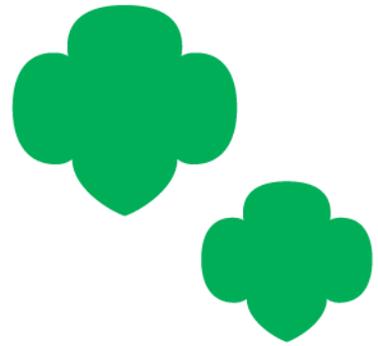
1. Girls learn through the completion of Journey and a *Take Action Project* the skills necessary for their Bronze Award
2. After the Take Action Project, girls decide on their Bronze Award Project
3. Girls work with their supportive adults to put together a step by step process that will help them complete the Project
4. Girls then work with their supportive adults to submit the final report once they are done with their project.

<http://www.gsutah.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/highest-awards/bronze-award.html>



Silver Award

The highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can achieve.



Girls who

Are in grades 6-8 (Cadette Girl Scouts)

Are a currently registered member of Girl Scouts

Have completed a Cadette Journey, including the Take Action project

Recommended Timeframe

Fall: complete a Cadette Journey, including the *Take Action Project*

Once the girls have completed the Take Action Project begin to brainstorm SilverAward Project

Spring: begin the Project

Complete the Project by **September 30** and submit the Final Report

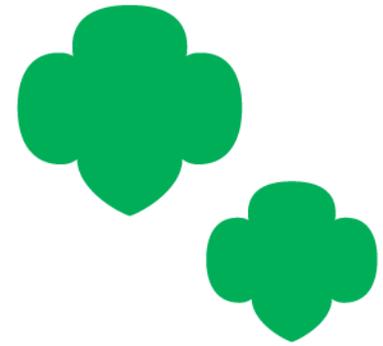
1. Girls learn through the completion of Journey and a *Take Action Project* the skills necessary for their Silver Award
2. After the Take Action Project, girls decide on their Silver Award Project
3. Girls put together a step by step process that will help them complete the Project
4. Girls submit the final report once they are done with their project.

<http://www.gsutah.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/highest-awards/silver-award.html>



Gold Award

The highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve.



Who can earn the Girl Scout Gold Award?

Girl Scout Seniors (9th - 10th grade) and Ambassadors (11th - 12th grade) are eligible to earn their Gold Award. A girl can work on her project until the end of the Girl Scout membership year (September 30th) following her Senior year in High School.

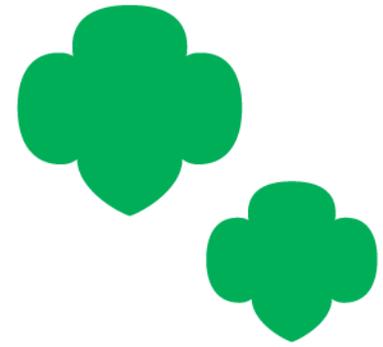
What are the prerequisites to beginning a Gold Award project?

- Be a currently registered member of the Girl Scouts of the USA in grades 9 – 12.
- *Attend a Gold Award Support Meeting prior to submitting their Project Proposal*
- Girls must complete their Leadership Journeys and **Take Action Projects** before beginning your Gold Award.
- If they have completed their Silver Award, they must complete one additional Senior or Ambassador Journey.
- If they have not completed their Silver Award, they must complete two Senior or Ambassador Journeys.



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Gold Award



STEP BY STEP PROCESS

1. Girls want to earn the Gold Award
2. Girls find something they are passionate about then research what needs are out there and who could be their Project Advisor
3. **Girls attend a Gold Award Support Meeting (required)**
4. Girls create an account on [My Go Gold](#)
5. Girls go through Steps 1-5 on the My Go Gold System and submit their Project Proposal for review
6. Girls receive feedback from the Gold Award Committee
7. Girls attend an initial interview
8. Girls do their project
9. Girls keep track of their work through My Go Gold System
10. Once complete, Girls submit their Final Report through the My Go Gold System
11. Girls receive feedback from the Gold Award Committee
12. Girls attend their final interview



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Online Information

Bronze Award

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Silver Award

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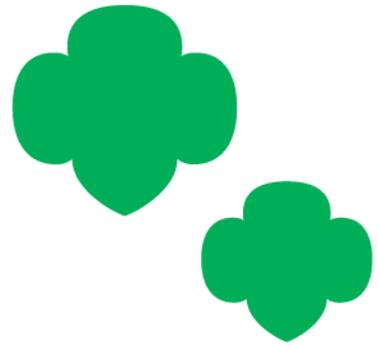
Activities Calendar

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Take Action Online Training

<http://www.gsutah.org/en/for-volunteers/online-support-for-volunteers/take-action-and-higher-awards.html>





Questions?