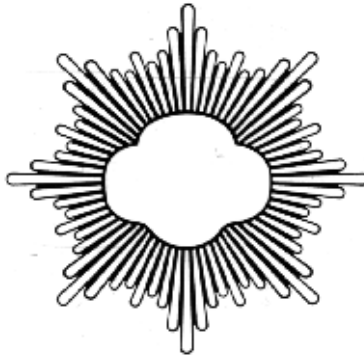


Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore



# ***Going for the Gold***

**Girl Scout Gold Award**

***Steps, Project Guideline & Proposal Forms***

***For Teen Girl Scouts in Grades 9 –12***

**Project Packet**

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There are **Seven Steps** on the path to the Girl Scout Gold Award. **Steps 1 through 4** must be completed before you begin Steps 5, 6 & 7. **Girls in 9<sup>th</sup> grade** can begin work and complete **Steps 1 through 4**, but cannot begin work on **Steps 5 and 6 until they are in 10<sup>th</sup> grade**. **The earliest you can submit a Project Proposal is October of 10<sup>th</sup> grade**. **If you are in 12<sup>th</sup> grade, you have until September 30 of the year you graduate high school to complete your project and submit your final report.**

### **Step 1 – Organize – Build A Framework**

- ⇒ Read Girl Scout Gold Award “Go For It” insert **or** attend a Council sponsored Gold Award Workshop.
- ⇒ Meet with a troop advisor (leader) & develop a timeline for Steps 2 – 4, include some thinking about where Step 5 might fit on your timeline.
- ⇒ Make an agreement with your troop advisor.

### **Step 2 – Lead - Earn the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award:**

- ⇒ Three Interest Project Activities (related to the Girl Scout Promise & Law)
- ⇒ Earn a charm from any of the Focus Books.
- ⇒ 30 hours in leadership role
- ⇒ **Fast Track** – hours spent in a leadership role through CPA, Program Aide or LIT can be applied to the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award.
- ⇒ Journal your experience, it will help you in Step 7.

### **Step 3 – Network - Girl Scout Gold Career Award**

Do one or a combination of the following for a total of 40 hours.

- ⇒ Career-shadow one or more people
- ⇒ Attend a career fair
- ⇒ Visit colleges or trade schools (this can be virtual tours online)
- ⇒ **Fast Track** – Get a paying job or start your own business – put in at least 40 hours. Babysitting jobs count. This would replace the above steps.

### **Step 4 – Explore - Earn - Girl Scout Gold 4Bs Challenge**

- ⇒ Become
- ⇒ Belong
- ⇒ Believe
- ⇒ Build

*Planning hours for the Gold 4Bs Challenge may be applied to the Girl Scout Gold Award hours in Step 5.*

### **Step 5 – Create Your Gold Award Project**

- ⇒ Plan It
- ⇒ Know more about it
- ⇒ Choose It
- ⇒ Budget It
- ⇒ Map it

*Your project **MUST** address a problem outside of Girl Scouting. Girl Scouts can be your audience for the community problem you are addressing.*

- ⇒ After you have mapped it out, a Gold Award Project Proposal must be completed, have appropriate approval signatures, and be submitted to the Silver & Gold Awards Committee before you begin a project. See the Gold Award Application Procedures. Your attendance at a meeting with the Silver & Gold Awards committee is required to receive project approval.
- ⇒ Your project must allow you to use your LEADERSHIP skills. Remember when you earned service hours? Usually you were doing a task that someone else had planned and thought up, rather than one that you had developed yourself. As the director of your very own Gold Award project, the reverse is true. You will be the one doing the developing. You may even ask for service from other people to help

you to achieve your goals. (And no, you do not have to do every single task involved in your Gold Award project! You can direct others to help you.)

Along these lines, be careful if you want to take on a project that someone else has designed and carried out in previous years, such as a clothing drive. Carefully consider the question, 'How will I make it my own?' When you have OWNERSHIP of a project, then you will also have LEADERSHIP.

- ⇒ Your Gold Award projects must take a minimum of **65 hours** to complete.  
**Remember** - planning hours for the Gold 4Bs Challenge may be applied towards the 65 hours but not to exceed 15 hours.

## **Step 6 - Take Action**

- ⇒ Put your plan into action. You may have to make changes as your plan goes into action. Track your project hours.

## **Step 7 – Reflect and Evaluate**

- ⇒ Reflect on your project.
- ⇒ Complete and submit your Gold Award Final Report

## **Special Notes**

- ◆ If you are a Juliette (Independent Girl Scout) your parent/guardian should not act as your advisor.
- ◆ All projects being done for a Service Unit must be agreed upon and supported by the Service Team. Ask your Troop Advisor or adult support person for the name and phone number of the Service Unit Manager before you submit your application to the Silver & Gold Awards Committee.
- ◆ Any project that involves a registration fee or donation to participate must have a financial report submitted with the Final Project Report. It is expected that all Gold Award projects will include a means for funding the project.
- ◆ If the Silver & Gold Awards Committee does not approve a Final project Report, you have the right to request an in-person meeting with the committee to appeal their decision. You will be given the opportunity to discuss with the committee the reasons you feel your project should be accepted. The committee will review your presentation, and if possible, make a decision on the appeal immediately.

## Role of Advisors

**Advisor** – This is your troop advisor/leader. Her role is to guide you through the Gold Award process. Your Advisor may help you fill out the necessary paperwork, sign off on your requirements, and understands Girl Scouting and can help navigate you through the process of earning you Gold Award. Your Advisor does not do the work for you though. In some cases this person could also be your **Project Advisor**.

**Project Advisor (Consultant)** - The role of Project Advisor is to be an expert in a particular field that directly relates to a girl's Gold Award project. For example, if a girl is building shelves or cabinets as part of her project, it would be very helpful to have a carpenter as a Project Advisor. Another example is if you are doing a project on the environment you would look for a Project Advisor who has expertise in that field.

**Committee Contact** – This is a member of the Silver and Gold Committee who will be assigned to you when you present your project to the Silver and Gold Committee. Her role is to make sure your project stays reasonable and attainable, and maintains enough scope in order to meet the Gold Award requirements. She is there to answer your questions, or to point you in the right direction.

## Gold Award Application Procedure

1. Applications are available at either of the Service Centers and online at [www.girlscoutsjs.org](http://www.girlscoutsjs.org). You can also request an application by calling 732-349-4499, ext 213 or 214.
2. Only 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders can submit Gold Award Project Proposals for approval. The Silver and Gold Committee meets monthly, except for July, August and December.
3. All Project Proposals must be submitted to the Silver & Gold Awards Committee for approval prior to starting a project.
4. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the committee meets each month. Girls will be scheduled for a presentation time at the upcoming meeting to discuss their project with the committee. Dates for meetings are listed in *Shore Things*, and are available online or by calling either Service Center.
5. All changes and or approvals will be agreed upon by both the committee and the applicant at the time of the presentation, put in writing, and signed by the applicant and a committee member.
6. A committee advisor will be assigned at the time of project approval. The advisor will keep in touch with the girls during the lifespan of the project to insure that it is moving along as scheduled.
7. Final project reports, including a project time log, should be submitted to the committee within 2 - 3 weeks of completion of the project by **APRIL 1** to be recognized at the May Councils Gold Award Ceremony. The committee will notify the girls, in writing, that their final report has been reviewed and accepted.



**Step 4. Girl Scout Gold 4 B'S Award:**

Activity	Date Completed	Project Advisor Signature
A. Become		
B. Belong		
C. Believe		
D. Build		

**Total number of hours spent on earning the Gold 4B'S Award \_\_\_\_\_ hours**

**Step 5. Girl Scout Gold Award Project**

**Title of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Describe the issue your project will address, what you hope to achieve, and who will benefit.

B. Discuss the reasons for selecting this project.

- C. Outline your strengths, talents, and skills that will be put into action.
  
- D. Describe the steps involved for putting your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment needed. (You can attach project plan.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- E. Indicate methods and/or tools you will utilize to evaluate the effectiveness of your project.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- F. List the names of advisors and resources you plan to use.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- G. Estimate overall project expenses and how you plan to meet these costs (attach copy of budget sheet if necessary). If you plan to have your Project Advisor ask for donations or gifts in kind, your advisor must complete the Donation/Gift In Kind Form.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore  
Gold Award Project Planning Calendar  
(Plan for a minimum of 65 hours)**

**Planning Steps:**  
**Date**

**Activity**

**Est. Time  
To Complete**

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**Estimated Project Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_