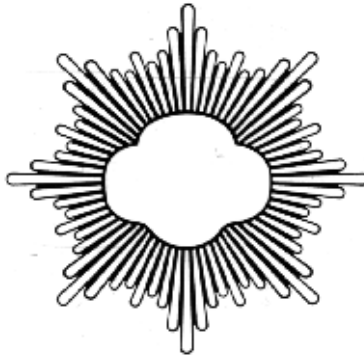


Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore



Reach for the Silver

Girl Scout Silver Award

Steps, Project Guideline & Proposal Forms

For Teen Girl Scouts in Grades 6 –9

Project Packet

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There are **Six Steps** on the path to the Girl Scout Silver Award. **Steps 1 through 4** must be completed before you begin Steps 5 & 6. **Girls in 6th grade (if registered in a Teen troop)** can begin work and complete **Steps 1 through 4**, but cannot begin work on **Steps 5 and 6 until you are in 7th grade**. **The earliest you can submit a Project Proposal is October of 7th grade**. **Your project must be completed by September 30th after completion of 9th grade**.

Step 1 – Get Ready

- ⇒ Read Girl Scout Silver Award “Go For It” insert **or** attend a Council sponsored Silver Award Workshop.
- ⇒ Meet with a troop advisor (leader) & develop a timeline for Steps 2 – 4.

Step 2 – Lead - Earn the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award:

- ⇒ Complete three Interest Project (related to the Girl Scout Promise & Law)
- ⇒ Focus Book: *“uniquely ME!: The Real Deal”*
- ⇒ 15 hours in leadership role

Step 3 – Network - Girl Scout Silver Career Award

- ⇒ What’s Out There?
- ⇒ Who’s Out There?
- ⇒ Earn the *Your Own Business Interest Project* or an Interest Project related to a field in which you would like to start a business.

Step 4 – Create – Earn the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge

- ⇒ Become
- ⇒ Belong – earn Focus Book: *Looking In, Reaching Out*
- ⇒ Believe
- ⇒ Build

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

Step 5 – Act – Earn the Girl Scout Silver Award

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

Your project can be done in or outside of Girl Scouting. If your project is done within Girl Scouting, you must reach out to the community in some way.

- ⇒ After you have mapped it out, a Silver 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 Silver Award Project Proposal Procedures. Your attendance at a meeting with the Silver & Gold Awards committee is required to receive project approval.
- ⇒ Your Silver Award project should take a minimum of 40 hours to complete. **Remember** - planning hours for the Silver 4Bs Challenge may be applied towards the 40 hours, but cannot exceed 10 hours.

It is important to differentiate between a community service project and the Silver Award. Your project must involve planning and individual opportunities for leadership and decision making.

Step 6 – Evaluate It

- ⇒ Evaluate your project
- ⇒ Submit your Project Final Report to the Silver & Gold Committee within two weeks of completion on your project.

Special Notes

- If you are a Juliette (Independent Girl Scout) it is advisable not to have your parent/guardian 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 Project Proposal 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 Silver Award projects will include a means for funding the project.
- If the Silver & Gold Awards Committee does not approve a final 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 Silver 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 Silver 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 Silver 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 Silver Award requirements. She is there to answer your questions, or to point you in the right direction.

Silver Award Project Proposal Procedure

1. Project Proposals are available at either of the Service Centers and online at www.girlscoutsjs.org you can also request an application by calling 732-349-4499 ext 213 or 214.
2. Only 7th, 8th & 9th graders can submit Silver Award Project Proposals for approval. The Silver & 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. All other hours must be completed after the approval date.
4. Project Proposals must be submitted no later than 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 of the Service Centers.
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 contact will be assigned at the time of project approval. The contact will keep in touch with you during the lifespan of the project to insure that it is moving along as scheduled.
7. Final project reports, including a project time log, must be submitted to the committee within 2 – 3 weeks of the completion of the project, and by **APRIL 1** to be recognized at the May Council Silver Award Ceremony. The committee will notify the girls, in writing, that their final report has been reviewed and accepted.

Step 4. Girl Scout Silver 4 B'S Award:

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor's Signature
1. Become:	_____	_____
2. Belong: Focus Book: Looking In, Reaching Out	_____	_____
3. Believe Issue: How did you use your voice?	_____	_____

4. Build: Describe your solution. _____		

Total number of hours spent on earning the Silver 4B'S Award _____ hours		

Step 5. Girl Scout Silver Award Project

Title of Project: _____

Proposal start date: _____ **Proposal end date:** _____

Describe the issue your project addresses, what you hope to achieve, and who will benefit:

What are the reasons you are selecting this project?

Who will be the participants during implementation?

Describe Community Support/Participation element of your project and list contacts:

Outline your strengths, talents, and skills that you will put into action:

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Advisor's Signatue _____ **Date** _____

