



# Girl Scout Awards

As a Girl Scout, you have a multitude of opportunities to develop your leadership skills and achieve awards! You can earn awards at all levels, starting with our youngest leaders—Girl Scout Daisies in kindergarten, all the way through high school seniors—Girl Scout Ambassadors. Check out this overview of awards Girl Scouts can earn:

## Highest Awards

### Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador can earn. You earn this award by leading a team of volunteers and investing a minimum of 80 hours to create a sustainable change to a community issue. Completion of two Senior or Ambassador Journeys OR earning the Silver Award and one Senior or Ambassador Journey is required. Learn how to submit a project proposal during a Gold Award workshop. More information can be found [HERE](#).

### Girl Scout Silver Award

This award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. You earn this award by leading a team to create long-lasting change to a community issue in a small group (up to four girls) or as an individual. Completion of a Cadette Journey and Silver Award training is required. [Learn how to begin.](#)

### Girl Scout Bronze Award

This award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. You work to create change in your community by creating and implementing a Take Action project\* either as a troop, small group, or individually once you have completed a Junior Journey. Learn more [HERE](#).

## Awards for All Girl Scout Grade Levels

### Bridging Award

Girls Scouts earn this award by completing two steps: *Pass it on*—to share what you've learned with younger girls, and *Look Ahead*—to learn from older girls about what great things will be happening in your next level of Girl Scouts.

### Journey Summit Award

This award is earned by completing three Journeys for your Girl Scout level. Chose from *It's Your World—Change it!*, *It's Your Planet — Love it!*, *It's Your Story—Tell It!*, *Think Like an Engineer*, *Think Like A Programmer*, *Think Like a Citizen Scientist*, and *Outdoor*.

### Safety Award

Each Girl Scout Level has its own set of requirements to teach you how to stay safe at home, school, and in your community. Learn more [HERE](#).

### My Promise, My Faith

Girl Scouts of all levels can earn one award each year as you explore the connection between Girl Scouts and your faith and learn about additional religious recognitions. Learn more [HERE](#).

### Presidential Volunteer Service Award

This award is a national opportunity to honor outstanding volunteers and recognize the impact you make. It is awarded by age groups in three tiers: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. To be eligible, volunteers must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents, at least four years old, and have completed eligible service within a 12-month period (January 16-January 15) each year. A list of volunteer hour requirements can be found [HERE](#).

\*The Take Action project girls complete for a Journey is separate from the Take Action Project for completion of the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, or Bronze Awards.

## Meritorious Service Awards

### Bronze Cross

This lifesaving award is given to a Girl Scout who has shown extraordinary heroism or risked her life to save another's.

Contact Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania to request guidelines and an application.

### Medal of Honor

This lifesaving award is given to a Girl Scout who has saved someone's life in an emergency.

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## Special Opportunity Awards

### Cookie Activity Pin

You can earn this award every year when you participate in the cookie program. For age-level, qualifying activities click [HERE](#).

### World Thinking Day Award

Girl Scouts take part in activities to honor and celebrate our global sisterhood around the world. Check out the age-level activities to earn this award [HERE](#).

### Global Action Award

Learn more about how girls live around the world and do an activity to help girls who need it to earn this award. More information can be found [HERE](#).

## National Leadership Awards

### Silver Torch Award

This award recognizes Cadettes who act as leaders in their community. There are two steps to earn this award—complete a Journey and serve for one full term in a leadership position in your community. This could be serving as yearbook editor, on student government, president of a club, or sports captain.

### Gold and Silver Torch

This award recognizes Seniors who act as leaders in their community. There are two steps to earn this award—complete a Journey and serve for one full term in a leadership position in your community. This could be serving as yearbook editor, on student government, president of a club, or sports captain.

### Gold Torch Award

This award recognizes Ambassador Girl Scouts who act as leaders in their community. There are two steps to earn this award: completing a Journey and serving for one full term in a leadership position in your community. This could be serving as yearbook editor, on student government, president of a club, or sports captain.

## Mentoring Awards

### Junior Aide

Girl Scout Juniors can earn this mentoring award by making and completing a plan to work with Daisies or Brownies on one of their Journeys.

### Leader in Action (LiA)

Cadettes earn the LiA award by assisting Brownies to complete a Journey.

### Cadette Program Aide

There are three steps to earn this mentoring award—earn one LiA award, complete the Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania Program Aide training, and work directly with younger girls over six activity sessions. (One-hour sessions are suggested.)

### Volunteer-in-Training (VIT)

Seniors and Ambassadors who would like to mentor a Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette group outside of camp can earn this award when you work with an adult mentor, complete Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania training, and create and implement a program for girls based on a Journey or badge.

### Counselor-in-Training (CIT)

Seasoned Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors have exciting opportunities to mentor younger girls in a camp setting and build skills toward becoming a camp counselor. You can find more information [HERE](#).

### Community Service Bar

To earn this award, you will choose a community organization to work with, receive instructions, and complete at least 20 hours of service.\*\*

### Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors often volunteer to help at service unit or council events with younger girls or volunteer to help with other special Girl Scout projects. Once you complete at least 20 hours of service, you earn this award.\*\*

\*\*Hours of service you use to earn these awards must be separate from those counted towards other awards.