



**Girl Scout Gold Award**

**Go For It!**



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**If you have questions about the Gold Award, contact:  
Your local service center and speak with an associate, membership services.**

Dear Gold Award Applicant:

Congratulations! In receiving this packet, you are in the planning stages to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. A girl's effort in earning this award expresses a special commitment to herself, her community, her world and the future. The Girl Scout Gold Award project is an opportunity for you to put your leadership skills, career interests and personal values together to serve the community.

Benefits of earning the Gold Award:

- The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting. A national award, with national standards, it represents a girl's time, leadership, creativity and effort contributed to improving her community.
- A young woman who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award has become a community leader. Her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart.
- An increasing number of colleges and universities have recognized the achievements and leadership abilities of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients by establishing scholarship programs for them.
- Girls who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award often enter the four branches of the United States Armed Forces at an advanced level and salary, having been recognized for the level of leadership shown in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- The achievements of the Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are acknowledged by many government and non-profit organizations. Commendations from certain organizations will be requested by the council and presented to you. You may contact other organizations on your own to request commendations. Please do not contact the same people on the council's list, which can be found at [www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org).
- The Girl Scout Gold Award projects themselves solve community issues and improve lives.
- The Girl Scout Gold Award process creates assets for the community and the future.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is an honor you will keep for life. We strongly encourage you to see the Girl Scout Gold Award through to completion.

There are seven steps to earning the Girl Scout Gold Award:

1. **Organize.** Build a framework – get organized so you can carry out the other six steps.
2. **Lead.** Earn the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award – put the Girl Scout Law into action.
3. **Network.** Earn the Girl Scout Gold Career Award – reach out and build your network.
4. **Explore.** Earn the Girl Scout Gold 4B's Challenge – develop your voice.
5. **Create.** Create a project plan for your Girl Scout Gold Award project.
6. **Act.** Do the Girl Scout Gold Award project – make a difference in your community by doing something you strongly care about.
7. **Reflect.** Reflect and evaluate – realize how earning the Girl Scout Gold Award has changed you and impacted others.

When you go for the Girl Scout Gold Award, you will design and lead a project that takes at least 65 hours, including "planning and doing" time, to complete.

**A committee of adult volunteers will meet to discuss the projects. The approval process is described in more detail on Page 5 of this booklet. Please make sure to carefully follow the guidelines listed there to ensure review of your project in a timely fashion.**

## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW:

- **Letter of Intent.** To be submitted before starting work on any part of the Girl Scout Gold Award project. After submitting this form, you will be assigned a Gold Award Advisor who will work with you throughout the Girl Scout Gold Award process. You will be responsible for completing the requirements, developing a timeline, and getting the paperwork in on time; however, your Gold Award Advisor will be available to answer questions and guide you toward success with your project.
- Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania must receive the ***Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal*** by the deadlines listed in the chart on Page 5 in order for the project to be reviewed at the Gold Award Advisory committee meetings.
- All Gold Award forms must be **typed or printed clearly in black ink**, and must be **neatly and completely filled out**. All questions must be answered on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the *Project Proposal and Final Report* forms.
- Your project should **meet a community need** and go beyond the Girl Scout community.
- Your project should take **at least 65 hours to complete**. This includes planning, doing, and wrap-up time.
- **Graduating seniors** should turn in the *Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal* by the deadline for the May committee meeting to ensure enough time to complete your project.
- **If the project is large enough, you may work with other Girl Scouts as a team.** Everyone on the team must send the Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania at the same time. Each girl should complete her own form detailing her part of the project. In working on a collective project, each member of the team must put in 65 hours of work, adopt equal amounts of responsibility and have an opportunity to learn and grow by acquiring the skills needed to accomplish the project goals. Each team member's part should expand upon skills she has already gained in completing the first four requirements.
- **Consider what funding is necessary to do your project.** Be realistic about budgeting. Don't plan a project that requires seeking a grant or raising large sums of money. Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania **does not allow girls to participate in or hold fundraisers** for Gold Award projects. Any requests for donations of items **MUST** be approved prior to making the "ask." See the *Go for It! Girl Scout Gold Award STUDIO 2B Insert* or the handout "Money and your Gold Award Project" located at [www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org) for more information. According to *Safety-Wise Program Standard 33*, "Girl Scouts, in their capacity as Girl Scouts, may not...participate in walkathons or telethons or similar activities that raise funds for other organizations." For more information, see the "Money and your Gold Award Project" handout located at [www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org).
- **Your entire Girl Scout Gold Award project should be an extension of all the activities you have completed in your previous Girl Scout experience.** Before deciding upon your project, review the basic guidelines as outlined in the *Go for It! Girl Scout Gold Award STUDIO 2B insert*. No one can choose, plan or design a project unique to you except you. To get ideas for a project, check out the Girl Scout website at [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org), or contact your Gold Award Advisor.

During your project, stay in touch with your Gold Award Advisor to discuss how your plans are proceeding. If you come to a challenge and you need help, she can assist you to work through it. She is there to help you. If your project changes in any way from your initial *Gold Award Project Proposal*, you must notify your Gold Award Advisor, and submit the changes in writing to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania. Your advisor will let you know where you can send it.

After you have finished your project, complete and mail the *Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report* form to your Gold Award Advisor. Once she receives it, she will set up a meeting (either in person or by phone) to discuss your project. You will receive your final approval from your Gold Award Advisor. Once approved, your Gold Award Advisor will send a signed copy of your final report to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania program department. You will then be sent a ceremony packet, containing paperwork necessary to receive your Gold Award pin and plan your ceremony. **Allow at least eight weeks after you receive final approval from your Gold Award Advisor before the date of your ceremony.**

## **Project Review Process**

- The Gold Award Advisory Committee is made up of adult volunteers that meet to discuss the projects.
- Be detailed in your proposal - this is all the committee members are going to know about what you want to achieve.
- The committee will determine if your project can be approved as written, approved with suggestions, or if it needs to be resubmitted.
- Make sure your proposal answers the following questions:
  - Not knowing who I am, will the committee understand what I want to accomplish?
  - Will the committee understand why I chose this project?
  - Will the committee understand how I plan to meet my intended goals?
- After the meeting, you will receive a letter stating the committee's decision. You may not begin work on your actual project until you receive notification that your project proposal has been approved. Work completed on your actual project prior to approval will not count toward your 65-hour project.
- Any changes made to your initial project proposal need to be submitted in writing to the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania's program department.
- **Please pay careful attention to the following deadlines to ensure enough time to complete your project.** If your proposal is submitted after a deadline has passed, it will be reviewed at the following committee meeting. Remember to allow time for mailing your information.

Committee Meeting	Deadline to Submit Proposal	Committee Meeting	Deadline to Submit Proposal
January	December 15	July	June 15
February	January 15	August	July 15
March	February 15	September	August 15
April	March 15	October	September 15
May	April 15	November	October 15
June	May 15	December	November 15

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Graduating seniors should turn in the *Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal* by **April 15 for the May Committee meeting** of the year you graduate to ensure enough time to complete your project.
- Graduating seniors must turn in the *Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report* by **September 30** of the year you graduate. After this date, you will be considered an adult Girl Scout, and you will no longer be eligible to work on the Girl Scout Gold Award.

## **TO BE APPROVED AT THE MEETING, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A GOLD-WORTHY PROJECT**

**What does “Gold-worthy” mean? Simply put, a project will be Gold-worthy if it meets the following criteria:**

- It meets a community need
- The project must be done to address a problem in a girl’s community outside of Girl Scouting
- It goes beyond the Girl Scout community: the project involves non-Girl Scouts at some level
- It has an identifiable result: the project will accomplish something
- It is ongoing, or has a plan to become ongoing
- It is more than a service project: it will stretch the Girl Scout’s leadership skills and provide more to the community than a one-time benefit
- It meets all GSUSA and Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania requirements, and is in accordance with *Safety Wise* and all financial regulations.

***Make sure you include all the details  
for the above criteria in your project proposal.***

***Remember, the committee does not know you;  
your proposal is all they have to make their decisions.***



## Gold Award Project Check List

ACTIVITY	DATE COMPLETED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Attend Gold Award Information Session and/or meet with your Gold Award Advisor. Download Gold Award booklet from council website.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Work on a timeline of your Gold Award project and the requirements and discuss with your Gold Award Advisor.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Start working on the Leadership Award and Career Award.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Download <i>Letter of Intent</i> found at <a href="http://www.gshpa.org">www.gshpa.org</a>. Submit to the council's program department when you have completed Steps #1 and #2 of the Girl Scout Gold 4Bs Challenge. A Gold Award Advisor will be assigned to you after receipt of your <i>Letter of Intent</i>.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 4Bs Challenge Hours for the 4Bs Challenge may be applied to your Gold Award project; however they must be approved by your Gold Award Advisor and may not exceed 15 hours.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Once requirements are completed, fill out the <i>Gold Award Project Proposal</i> found on the council's website at <a href="http://www.gshpa.org">www.gshpa.org</a>. You can request this via e-mail at <a href="mailto:vmiley@gshpa.org">vmiley@gshpa.org</a> or call 1-800-692-7816, x1241 to have it sent to you.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Submit <i>Gold Award Project Proposal</i> to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania by deadline dates listed in the booklet to ensure review at the meeting of your choice.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Once approved, start working on your Gold Award project. Keep a detailed journal/log of your 65 hours.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Stay in contact with your Gold Award Advisor throughout your project. Inform her/him of any changes or problems with your project.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Once project is completed, submit <i>Gold Award Final Report</i> found on the council's website at <a href="http://www.gshpa.org">www.gshpa.org</a>. Please include the detailed log/journal of your 65 hours. The log should be neat and legible either in a Word table format or Excel format.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Final Approval Once you have received final approval from your Gold Award Advisor, you will receive your ceremony packet from Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania and can begin to plan your ceremony. Please allow eight weeks to receive your pin and invitations.</li> </ul>	

# Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

## Girl Scout Gold Award Letter of Intent

Send form to your local Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Service Center

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class of 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Leader/Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Leader/Advisor E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations on your decision to "Go for the Gold"! Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is an opportunity to meet new people, learn new things about yourself and your capabilities, put your leadership skills into action and make your mark in your community. (Taken from the *Girl Scout Gold Award Go For It!* STUDIO 2B insert.)

Please tell us in one or two sentences why you feel it is important to "Go for the Gold."

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Before submitting this form, please check that you have met the following conditions:

- I am at least 14 years of age or in ninth grade
- I have completed at least one of the following:
  - Attended a Gold Award Information Session
  - Read the *Girl Scout Gold Award Go For It!* STUDIO 2B insert
  - Read the Gold Award booklet from Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania's website
- I have completed Steps #1 and #2 of the Gold 4Bs Challenge

We are proud you have decided to earn your Girl Scout Gold Award. This process requires many hours of planning and work and may be a bit confusing. After submitting this letter, you will be assigned a Gold Award Advisor who will work with you through this process. Your Advisor is there to answer any questions you may have about the steps required to earn your Gold Award and can assist you in developing a project that will be rewarding for both you and your community.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare my intentions to earn my Girl Scout Gold Award. This letter does not require me to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award; it only states my commitment to work toward earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Girl's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leader/Troop Advisor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Frequently Asked Questions About the Girl Scout Gold Award

- Q. What is the scope of a Girl Scout Gold Award project?
- A. Girl Scout Gold Award projects are meant to be more than a service project. Collecting food for a homeless shelter or cleaning up a park can be a wonderful Silver or Bronze Award project, but the Gold Award must go beyond that. The Girl Scout working toward her Gold Award must choose an issue she cares deeply about and develop a project that will have a positive impact on her community. How can she rally people to care about the environment? How will providing food for the homeless have a lasting impact? Will the project make any inroads in working toward a solution to the issue? How can she, in her own way, influence people to care about the homeless or the environment? Don't dismiss a project idea because it seems too small. Think about what components could be added to enhance the project and turn it into a Girl Scout Gold Award project.
- Q. Can I use my own money on the Girl Scout Gold Award project?
- A. Yes. If you want to use your own money, you can. You may receive help from your family, too. However, we encourage you to work with others to earn the money. That's part of the process. "Going for the Gold" is not meant to be a hardship on a family or an individual. Remember, when designing your project, it's important to think creatively about how you can make a difference with little or no money. Then talk to your Gold Award Advisor, council or troop/group advisor about ideas for financing the project or arranging for the donation of materials and services. All donations must be approved by council before you ask for them. Ask your Gold Award Advisor about how to get the required approval.
- Q. Can I ask friends and neighbors for financial help?
- A. You shouldn't ask for donations of money, but you can ask for donations of time and things, such as clothing for a clothing drive or that pile of bricks left over from your neighbor's backyard project. However, if the neighbor wants to claim the donation as a tax deduction, he or she will need to make the donation to the council for IRS purposes and get a receipt signed by a council staff person.
- Q. What if my Girl Scout Gold Award project idea costs too much?
- A. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do. Work with your Gold Award Advisor to develop a reasonable budget for your project. If your resources are not sufficient for you to realistically accomplish your goal, then you need to rethink the project. Planning is the key to a good Girl Scout Gold Award project. You should be prepared with a budget for your project before you submit your project proposal. Think it through and do your homework! Your council has the right to put a cap on spending, as well as to request large donations go through the council office. Work with them. See your "Go for It Girl Scout Gold Award STUDIO 2B insert" for more information on creating a realistic budget.
- Q. Is it all right to seek help from other organizations?
- A. Yes, with some qualifications. Many service organizations have budgets for community projects. You can use their interest as leverage to support your project and get volunteers to help you – do your research. Even some businesses give workers time for community service hours and projects. However, remember the rule about having the adult doing the "ask" for actual money and gifts-in-kind, and clearing your joint approach with your local council. (Your council may be asking the same group for a major donation and you don't want to interfere with the council's "ask.") Don't let the organization's agenda drive your vision for your project.
- Q. Can girls registered as an individual member earn the Gold Award?
- A. Any girl who is a registered Girl Scout and meets the age or grade requirements can work toward the Girl Scout Gold Award.

## Frequently Asked Questions About the Girl Scout Gold Award (Continued)

- Q. Can a girl earn the Gold Award if she hasn't been a Girl Scout very long?
- A. Yes! She just needs to be a registered Girl Scout and willing to complete the activities required to earn this award.
- Q. I can't raise money as a Girl Scout for other organizations, but can I do it on my own?
- A. As an individual, you can volunteer for other organizations. But you should not identify work you do to raise funds for another organization as part of your time going toward the Girl Scout Gold Award. Additionally, you may not present yourself as a Girl Scout to the public in this process since you are a volunteer for another organization. For example: If your local Red Cross needs money to purchase training mannequins, you may participate under their supervision as an individual volunteer to raise funds, but you cannot count that service as part of your time toward any Girl Scout award or service hours. However, you can plan a Girl Scout Gold Award project using the equipment that was purchased as part of your efforts as a volunteer for the organization.
- Q. Is the Girl Scout Gold Award an individual or group project?
- A. Girls may work by themselves or in a group. If girls work with other girls they must keep track of their specific work and hours. Working on a project team is a life-skill and there are many different ways of assuming leadership. If working as a group, girls must submit individual project proposals that look like completely separate projects. Talk with your Gold Award Advisor on how to split the job and leadership between group members.
- Q. Do you have to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award in order to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award?
- A. No. However, it's a great foundation for the process.
- Q. Do I need to do the steps in any particular order?
- A. You can complete the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award and the Girl Scout Gold Career Award in any order. You may even work on them simultaneously. Submit your Letter of Intent before beginning to work on your 4B Challenge. The Girl Scout Gold 4B Challenge must be completed right before you submit a 'Project Proposal' and you must have a conversation with your council assigned Gold Award Advisor before you begin the 4B Challenge. You cannot start your Gold Award project until all the above steps have been completed, and your project has been approved by the Gold Award Committee.
- Q. If I did similar activities while earning other Girl Scout awards, can I count these toward my Gold Award?
- A. Activities done prior to working on the Girl Scout Gold Award may not count toward the number of hours for this award. However, if a girl has earned the charm for a STUDIO 2B Focus Book, that is one of the requirements for one of the awards toward the Gold Award.
- Q. What is the Girl Scout Gold Award 4B Challenge?
- A. The 4B Challenge will help you be better prepared and informed before choosing a project to spend many hours on. It was initiated to end the frustration a girl expressed about the difficulty of coming up with ideas for projects. Follow the instructions in the "Go for It! Gold Award STUDIO 2B Insert."

## Frequently Asked Questions about the Gold Award (Continued)

- Q. What is the role of the Gold Award Advisory Committee?
- A. This is a group of volunteers, including past recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, dedicated to helping you succeed. The committee will review the size, scope, and cost of a project and make recommendations to ensure that it is in fact an appropriate Gold Award project. Your individual Gold Award Advisor is part of this committee and her job is to support you by answering questions you may have about the requirements and project.
- Q. Can I count hours put into planning and researching for the 4B Challenge toward the Gold Award project?
- A. Yes! Even if you decide not to do the project you came up with in the 4B challenge, you did not waste your time in learning the process required to focus on a vision. You have the potential to earn up to 15 hours from the 4B challenge to put toward the 65-hour Gold Award project. The amount of hours you earn from the 4B challenge is approved by your Gold Award Advisor, so it's important to keep a detailed log of hours and to communicate with your Advisor.
- Q. What's up with Focus Books? They seem so easy compared to Interest Projects!
- A. The STUDIO 2B Focus Books look deceptively simple (it must be all the pictures); however, the most important component of each booklet is the goal setting. Yes, it is possible to breeze through one, but if you really want to be true to the concept, you will set goals that involve stretching and learning, allowing for a thorough exploration of the topic in order to meet the goals.
- Q. How do I get a Gold Award Advisor?
- A. Gold Award Advisors are assigned by a council staff person after you submit the 'Letter of Intent.' The 'Letter of Intent' can be found at [www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org).
- Q. If I'm 17 and graduating from high school, can I work on my project while in college?
- A. Yes, you have until you turn 18 **or** September 30 of the year you graduate from high school. Talk with your Gold Award Advisor if you find any deadlines confusing. You don't want to miss out on earning your Gold Award because of missing a deadline.
- Q. If I'm 18 and graduating from high school, do I still have time to complete my project?
- A. Yes, you have until September 30 of the year you graduate to complete your project and submit your final report. Talk with your Gold Award Advisor if you are confused about any deadlines.
- Q. Where do I find the new deadlines and detailed information?
- A. The deadline dates and information are included in the "Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Gold Award Booklet." Your Gold Award Advisor will be able to answer any questions you have about the deadlines.
- Q. Who purchases the Girl Scout Gold Award pin?
- A. After your final report has been approved you will receive a ceremony packet. This packet will contain a pin order form. You complete the form and mail it to the address provided – and we pay for your pin.

**If you have any other questions about the Girl Scout Gold Award, contact your local service center and speak with an associate, membership services.**

# Do's and Don'ts for Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award

## DO:

- Follow all instructions
- Send in the *Letter of Intent* form prior to beginning to work on Steps #3 and #4 of the 4Bs Challenge
- Communicate regularly with your council-assigned Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor
- Type or neatly print your Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal and Final Report
- Check spelling and grammar
- Be sure to follow all the deadlines listed in the booklet for submitting your paperwork
- Include as much information as possible in your Project Proposal and Final Report
- Carefully read all information about the Girl Scout Gold Award listed on [www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org)

## DON'T:

- Begin your project without the Girl Scout Gold Award Committee's approval
- Be afraid to do an individual project based on your own interests that meets a need in your community
- Lose your vision and leadership in the course of the project – **you** are the one in charge, even when facilitating the work of others
- Ask for money or donations yourself – work with an adult who may do “the ask” after getting council approval
- Earn the Girl Scout Gold Award for the wrong reasons – it is a personal thing. Earn it if YOU want to; do not let others pressure you to do something YOU don't want to do.

## **REMEMBER . . .**

**Your project must be approved by  
Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania's**

**Girl Scout Gold Award**



**Advisory Committee.**

**Hours you put into your actual project before it is approved will not count.**



# Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal



Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

Please type or print in black ink. Make copies for your Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor, your troop/group advisor and for you to keep. Submit original by the appropriate deadline to ensure review by the Committee at the meeting of your choice. Send original to your local service center of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania. **Do not begin project until you have received approval from your Gold Award Advisor.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Group number \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Advisor Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 1: Get Ready

Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor (assigned after Letter of Intent has been received) \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of timeline developed by you and your Advisor must be attached.**

## Step 2: Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award

Activities	Date Completed	Advisor Signature*
1. Earn It: (IPs that help you live the Girl Scout Law) IP:		
IP:		
IP		
2. Believe It: Studio 2B Focus Book:		
3. Lead It: (30 hours) Describe:		

\*Can be signature of your troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor.

## Step 3: Girl Scout Gold Career Award

Describe 40-hour career related activity:	Date Completed	Advisor Signature*

\*Can be signature of your troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor.

## Step 4: Girl Scout Gold 4 B's Award\*\*

Activity – Complete the Girl Scout Gold 4Bs Challenge	Date Completed	Advisor Signature*
1. Become		
2. Belong		
3. Believe		
4. Build		

\*\*Can be signature of your troop/group advisor or Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor. Only your Gold Award Advisor can approve the number of hours you can count toward your project.

## Step 5: Girl Scout Gold Award Project

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

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

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

- A. Describe the issue your project will address, what you hope to achieve, and who will benefit (organization name).
- 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 to put 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 name and phone number of the person at the organization serving as the project advisor.
- G. Estimate overall project expenses and how you plan to meet these costs (include copy of budget sheet).

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

Gold Award Advisor or  
Troop/group Advisor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Call your Gold Award Advisor right away!  
Your project cannot be discussed  
before your Advisor has reviewed it!!!



FOR GSHPA USE ONLY		
	Date	Initials
Received		
Ceremony Packet Sent		
Pin Sent		

# Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

Please type or print neatly in black ink.  
 SUBMIT ORIGINAL TO YOUR GOLD AWARD ADVISOR  
 Allow 8 weeks to receive your pin and invitations once your Final Report has been approved.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Advisor's phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Consultant \_\_\_\_\_

Project Consultant's Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

**You must attach a detailed journal/log of the hours spent on your Gold Award Project.**

## STEP 5: Tracking Project Hours

Date started: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 7. Think About It (attach answers on a separate sheet of paper)

- Briefly summarize your project. Include the issue your project addressed and the methods you used for meeting the project objectives.
- Discuss the benefits your project provided to others in the community.
- Detail the method used for evaluating the impact of your project.
- What did you learn about yourself as a result of this project?
- What aspects of your project would you change or do differently?
- What was the most successful aspect of your project?

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania to release my daughter's personal contact information to organizations, as needed, to prepare commendations of her Girl Scout Gold Award achievement.

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Commendations are requested in batches and may not be available for your individual ceremony.
- Please allow at least two months (8 weeks) until commendations may start arriving.
- Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania has no control over the response time of individual organizations.