

Money and Your Highest Awards Projects

Dos and Don'ts for the Bronze and Silver Awards



- ▶ You cannot raise money for your project to benefit another organization
 - For example, you cannot host a bake sale and donate the monetary earnings to a food pantry. However, the funds can be used to support your project itself or you can use the funds to purchase in-kind donations for the food pantry
- ▶ You can fundraise by providing goods or services for a cost (referenced below), or by receiving monetary donations intended specifically for your Bronze or Silver Award Project
 - For example, you can have a jar at your cookie booth that includes information about your project. Girls should be present at any money earning activity or fundraising efforts
 - **Exception**- having in-kind donation boxes/bins out in public spaces in the community
- ▶ You can ask for donations of goods and/or services.
 - This means you can ask people or businesses to donate lumber, plants, food, printing services, etc.
- ▶ Your troop may carry out a group money earning activity.
 - Additional Money Earning Request Form needs to be completed for these activities
 - Bake sale, car wash, garage sale, etc. (see page 2 for more examples)
 - Remember, the majority of hours spent earning your Bronze or Silver Award should not be toward planning or executing a money earning activity.
- ▶ You can apply for a grant in partnership with another organization or donor.
 - You must contact mygoldaward@gshpa.org if you or your troop members are planning on doing this.
 - Individual girls are not permitted to apply for grants for their Highest Award projects. In cases where the project involves collaboration with a nonprofit or community organization, the partnering organization may submit the grant application on behalf of the girl.
- ▶ You may use existing troop funds to support your project. The troop must decide as a group how to distribute the funds.
- ▶ You may use your personal funds (from a job, birthday gifts, etc.) to support your project.
- ▶ You may charge a small fee for an event to cover the costs of the project.
 - You may not profit in any way from your project or fee.
 - The money you earn must be used to cover the cost of the event/program.

- Example: You charge 50 participants \$1 each to cover the \$50 fee for renting the community recreation center.
- You should try your hardest to avoid charging participants a fee to participate in your Bronze or Silver Award project. Write a formal letter requesting that services and/or space be donated as an in-kind donation.

Troop Money Earning Ideas

- Participate in both the GSHPA Fall Product and Cookie Programs. Think big! Arrange booth sales at local businesses or sell cookies to companies for special treats for their staff. You end up helping your council as well as your troop.
- *Please note that participation in both GSHPA Product Programs is required for troop additional money earning eligibility
- Complete the [Additional Money Earning Request Form](#) for any non-Product Program fundraising
- Provide childcare at special events during the holiday season or community events. Be sure you know the basics of babysitting and have an adult trained in first aid and CPR present.
- Put on a gigantic garage sale. Don't forget to make refreshments to sell!
- Offer fun activities and face painting at family and community events.
- Wrap gift packages at holiday fairs.
- Provide home birthday parties on order (cupcakes and games for a busy family).
- Raking leaves, cutting grass, weeding, shoveling snow, walking pets.
- Cooking class or other specialty class.

Things Not to Do

- Do not plan a money earning activity during a Council Product Program
- Resell a commercial product (Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, etc)
- Earn money for another organization
- Games of chance
- Sales on the internet. *With the exception of GSUSA approved product sales online activities through M2Media and/or Digital Cookies.
- Money earning activities where Girl Scouts might be perceived as endorsing a product, political viewpoint, or cause. This includes getting paid to pass out fliers for political candidates or freebies at a business opening. When in doubt, email mygoldaward@gshpa.org.