

Important **Gold Award** Information

To ensure that your girls are planning a quality **Gold Award Take Action Project** and are prepared for their interviews.

Prerequisite: Journeys

- Complete two Journeys including the Awards ***or** one Journey if Silver was earned
*The Journey Award requirement is a Take Action project (*can be a group project, but it is recommended that each girl has a leadership role*)

Gold Award Steps: Once prerequisite is completed

Use the Senior & Ambassador Guideline booklet to come up with project.

The time it takes to complete the Guideline is the beginning of the girl's Gold Award Take Action project hours. **So make sure to log them in the Guideline booklet.**

The use of the Guideline insures a Gold Award Take Action Project that fulfills all the GSUSA requirements:

- **Issue** that the girl is passionate about - which tackles the **Root Cause**
- **Project Goal** & can identify what she wants to learn-*why her project matters*
- **Cannot be a "Girl Scouts" only audience.** Project **MUST** include other community members
- **Individual project**
- **Project Advisor-** (not Leader or parent) someone who can advise along the way
Examples- person from the organization, school guidance counselors, teacher, community member
- Build a **Team-** can be family & friends, GS Troop members, peers, school clubs, etc.
- **Global Connection-** After project is complete, tell others about her project, the project's impact, & what she has learned. Share her project using social media, Facebook, Twitter, Blog, You Tube, or newspaper articles, presentations, etc...
- **Sustainable-** must be able to carry on after the project. Examples: videos, school clubs, online brochures

Proposals:

Girl **MUST** be able to explain why she can answer "**YES**" to all questions on page 18 of Guideline booklet before she submits Project Proposal to council.

Girl **MUST** bring their completed **Senior & Ambassador Guideline Booklet** to their **interview**.

This is how we will determine the hours that can be applied toward their 80 project hours.

- Submit Gold Award proposal 8 weeks prior to proposed start date of project
- **Girl will be contacted via email for her interview & with other important information**
- If elements are missing, proposal will be sent back for revision
- High School seniors (Girl Scout Ambassadors) deadline is January 15 of their senior year to submit proposal to council.
- Girl has to September 30th of her HS senior year to completely finish project & submit paperwork.

- GSNC deadline to be in the June ceremony is April 1st (project finished & all paperwork handed in to council).
- GSNC will write letter for college applications, if needed
- For information on Gold Award Scholarships, visit:
www.gsnc.org/girls/awards

Interviews:

At the interview, the girl needs to be able to talk about:

- Her Journey(s) – did she like it or not, learned anything new
- Journey Take Action project she completed
- Silver Award project, if earned
- Discuss her Gold Award Project with confidence (*a practice run would be a good idea*) what the Root Cause is and how she will address & sustain it

GSNC Gold Award Mentors:

Once approved girls will be assigned a mentor from council. All mentors are **volunteers** and give their time to help the girls succeed.

- Girl is responsible for checking in with mentor to keep her abreast of progress or lack of it
- Mentors are there to help address any bumps in the road or cheer them on
- Log of hours need to be **documented along the way**, organized by day & time spent
- Mentors review, accept or decline log of hours

GSNC Gold Award Contact Person:

If the girl is not approved, because elements were missing, Senior & Ambassador Guideline not completed or not brought, or they could not talk about their Journey or Silver Take Action projects, they will be assigned a contact person. The girl will have 30 days to meet the requirements that were missing. If they don't respond in the 30 days, they will have to resubmit their proposal and be re-interviewed.

No "collections only" project will suffice as a Gold Award project.
The actual "Doing" of the project needs to be substantial.