

In August, 2009 GSUSA released new guidelines for earning the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. Here is a guide to help girls determine what they should do now in order to earn these awards.

Girl Scout Bronze Award

Grade during 2009-10	What to do in 2009-10	What to do in 2010-11	What to do in 2011-12
4 th Grade	Begin the new way, by choosing one Junior Journey book.	Finish the Journey, and do a group Take Action Project.	You will be a 6 th Grade Cadette! You can start a Cadette Journey, as a prerequisite to the Silver Award.
5 th Grade	Continue doing old way prerequisites, and do the Bronze Award Project. Or if you haven't started Bronze prerequisites, look at doing a Journey and then a project this year.	You will be a 6 th Grade Cadette! You can start a Cadette Journey, as a prerequisite to the Silver Award.	You will be a 7 th Grade Cadette! You can continue to work on the Cadette Journey, and once you have completed it, you can work on your Silver Award Take Action Project.

Girl Scout Silver Award

Grade during 2009-10	What to do in 2009-10	What to do in 2010-11	What to do in 2011-12
6 th Grade	Begin the new way, by choosing one Cadette Journey book.	Finish the Journey, and do your individual (or small group) Take Action Project.	Complete your Silver Award Take Action Project.
7 th Grade	If you have started Silver prerequisites, continue. Or, decide to do a journey as the only prerequisite.	Wrap up any old way prerequisites and do your Silver Award Project. Or, if you began the new way, wrap up any work left on the Journey and do your Silver Award Take Action Project.	You will be a 9 th Grade Senior! You can start a Senior Journey, as a prerequisite to the Gold Award.
8 th Grade	Wrap up any old way prerequisites and do your Silver Award Project.	You will be a 9 th Grade Senior! You can choose and start a Senior Journey, as a prerequisite to the Gold Award.	You will be a 10 th Grade Senior! You can continue to work on the Senior Journey, and once you have completed it, you can apply for Council approval of your individual Gold Award Take Action Project.

Girl Scout Gold Award

Grade in 2009-10	What to do in 2009-10	What to do in 2010-11	What to do in 2011-12	What to do in 2012-13
9th Grade Earned Silver Award	Begin the new way, by choosing one Senior Journey book.	Finish up Senior Journey, and use the Girl Scout Gold Award Guidelines to help you choose a project. Begin to develop your Project Proposal.	Submit proposal to Council, and after approval, do your project. Submit Final Report when project is done.	Feb. 1 is your last chance to submit a Gold Award Project Proposal. Finish up your project by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.
9th Grade Did NOT Earn Silver Award	Begin the new way, by choosing one Senior Journey book.	Complete a second Senior Journey. Begin to develop your Project Proposal.	If you've only done one Senior Journey, complete an Ambassador Journey, too. Begin to develop your Project Proposal. Submit proposal to Council, and after approval, do your project.	Feb. 1 is your last chance to submit a Gold Award Project Proposal. Finish up your project by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.
10th Grade Earned Silver Award	If you've already started using the STUDIO 2B approach to the Gold Award, continue with this method.	Complete the "old way" prerequisite Awards, develop and submit your Project Proposal to Council. After approval, do your project. The majority of your project hours must be done prior to Sept. 30, 2011.	Too late to submit a Gold Award Proposal under the old guidelines. You must use the new "Journey" Guidelines, and submit the proposal by Feb. 1 to finish by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.	You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Did you take advantage of the one-time offer for discounted Life Membership in Girl Scouts?
	If you haven't started yet, choose one Senior Journey book.	Once you've finished a Senior Journey, then develop and submit your Project Proposal to Council. After approval, do your project.	If you have not already done so, submit your Gold Award Proposal by Feb. 1 to finish by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.	You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Did you take advantage of the one-time offer for discounted Life Membership in Girl Scouts?

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<p>10th Grade</p> <p>Did NOT Earn Silver Award</p>	<p>If you've already started using the STUDIO 2B approach to the Gold Award, continue with this method.</p>	<p>Complete the "old way" prerequisite Awards, develop and submit your Project Proposal to Council. After approval, do your project. The majority of your project hours must be done prior to Sept. 30, 2011.</p>	<p>Too late to submit a Gold Award Proposal under the old guidelines. You must use the new "Journey" Guidelines, and submit the proposal by Feb. 1 to obtain approval and to finish by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.</p>	<p>You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Did you take advantage of the one-time offer for discounted Life Membership in Girl Scouts?</p>
	<p>If you haven't started yet, choose one Senior Journey book.</p>	<p>Once you've finished a Senior Journey, then choose and complete an Ambassador Journey. Develop and submit your Project Proposal to Council. After approval, do your project.</p>	<p>If you have not already done so, submit your Gold Award Proposal by Feb. 1 to obtain approval and finish by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.</p>	<p>You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Did you take advantage of the one-time offer for discounted Life Membership in Girl Scouts?</p>
<p>11th Grade</p>	<p>If you've already started using the STUDIO 2B approach to the Gold Award, work to complete the prerequisites and submit your Project Proposal to Council. After approval, do your project. If you haven't started, do 2 Ambassador Journeys (only one needed if you earned the Silver Award).</p>	<p>Complete any last prerequisites. If you have not already done so, submit your Gold Award Proposal by Feb. 1 to obtain approval and finish the project by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.</p>	<p>You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Did you take advantage of the one-time offer for discounted Life Membership in Girl Scouts?</p>	<p>You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Keep our Council informed of updates to your contact information, so that you will continue to receive Girl Scout publications.</p>

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12th Grade	Complete last prerequisites for the “old way” and submit your Project Proposal by Feb. 1 in order to have time to be interviewed, have your project approved, and give you enough time to complete it by Sept. 30 of your graduation year.	You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Did you take advantage of the one-time offer for discounted Life Membership in Girl Scouts?	You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Keep our Council informed of updates to your contact information, so that you will continue to receive Girl Scout publications.	You are an Adult Girl Scout now! Keep our Council informed of updates to your contact information, so that you will continue to receive Girl Scout publications.

All information for the new approach to these awards is on the GSUSA website. Once you have completed the required Journey book(s) and there is no additional guide you need to buy. All the supporting pieces are online at:

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/highest_awards/index.html