

Can I earn the Girl Scout Gold Award even if I haven't been in Girl Scouts very long?

Yes! You just need to be a registered Girl Scout and be willing to complete the hours necessary to earn this award.

Do I need to do the steps in any particular order?

You can do the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award, the Girl Scout Gold Career Award and the Girl Scout Gold 4 B's Challenge in any particular order or even work on them simultaneously, but you must have completed them, be age 15, and receive your council's approval before starting your Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

What if I've already done some similar activities while doing other Girl Scout awards? Can these activities count toward my Girl Scout Gold Award?

Activities done prior to working on your Girl Scout Gold Award may not count toward the number of hours for this award. If you have earned the charm for a STUDIO 2B Focus book that is one of the requirements for one of the awards, you will need to set new goals for yourself in that Focus book.

What is the role of the council's Girl Scout Gold Award committee?

This is a group of adult volunteers dedicated to helping you succeed. They will review the size, scope, and cost of your project and make recommendations to ensure that it is in fact an appropriate project to earn a Girl Scout Gold Award. They might also be aware of community issues and dynamics that impact your project and may be able to introduce you to other adults who can assist.

Who are the adults who can support me with this project?

If you are in a Girl Scout troop, your troop's advisor may become the adult who can support you. Going for your Gold Award is a great opportunity to expand your network and for you to discover experts who can assist you in your project plans and implementation.

Am I expected to use my own or my parent's money to finance costs associated with the Girl Scout Gold Award Project?

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 council about ideas for financing the project or arranging for the donation of materials and services. Please see the section on money-earning guidelines on pages 31-37.