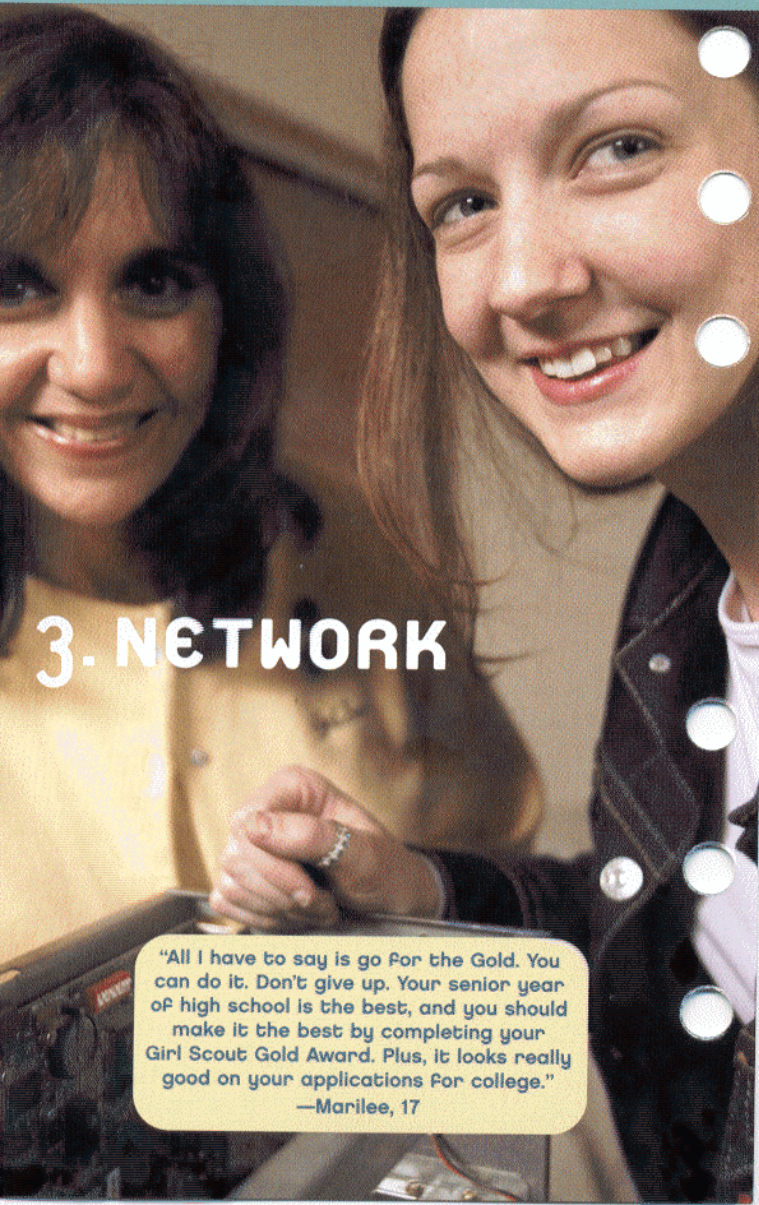


# STEP 3

EARN THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD CAREER AWARD



## 3. NETWORK

"All I have to say is go for the Gold. You can do it. Don't give up. Your senior year of high school is the best, and you should make it the best by completing your Girl Scout Gold Award. Plus, it looks really good on your applications for college."

—Marilee, 17

### Life after high school

is approaching fast. Summer jobs, internships, part-time jobs, and other work experiences are shaping your ideas about what's next for you.

EARN IT!

CEO

You may already have plans in place for college, vocational school, or a job. Earning your Gold Career Award gives you a process for planning your direction after high school.

To earn this charm, do one or a combination of the following for a total of 40 hours:

- \* Career-shadow one or more people.
- \* Get an apprenticeship or internship.
- \* Visit colleges or trade schools.
- \* Organize a career fair.
- \* Publish a newsletter or create a Web page about careers for your school.
- \* Partner with one or more Girl Scout council staff people.

**Fast Track:** *If you currently have a paying job or have started your own business and have put in 40 hours on it, congratulations! Your fast track career moves have allowed you to be promoted. You can use this experience in place of the above step.*

### REFLECTION

Now that you have spent time exploring the world of work, write your dream job description. Some things to consider: Would you want to work in an office? A day job or night job? A job in which you help people? Build things? Create things? Use tools? Invent? Manage people? Use technology? Work outdoors? What product would you produce? How many hours a week? How much would you get paid?

**TOOL KIT:** STUDIO 2B Focus: *Mind Your Own Business* has activities that will help you become an entrepreneur and build a business plan. STUDIO 2B Focus: *Cashin' In* has activities that will give you ideas for financing your senior year in high school and life afterward—whether you enroll in college or enter the work world. STUDIO 2B Collections 15–17 also contains articles on career choices and on prepping for college, as does the STUDIO 2B Web site [www.studio2b.org](http://www.studio2b.org).