

Girl Scout Silver Award



Information and Final Report

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Going for the Silver Award!

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award an Older Girl 11-14 Girl Scout can earn. It shows you have made a promise to help others, improve you community and world, and become the best you can be. You must be 11 - 14 or in grades 6 - 9 to begin to start Steps 1 – 4. You must be 12 - 14 or in grades 7 - 9 to do Steps 5 & 6

Requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award

Step 1: Get Ready- Read the Girl Scout Silver Award **Go for It!** Workbook. Chose an advisor and develop your timeline. Make and sign an agreement with adult advisor.

Step 2: Earn the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award (charm)

- Complete three Interest Projects, that help you practice living one of these four sets of values in the Girl Scout Law (this step is found in the **Go for It!** book):
 1. Honest and Fair; Friendly and Helpful; Considerate and Caring; Courageous and Strong
 2. Responsible for what I say and do; Respect myself and others; Respect authority
 3. Use resources wisely; Make the world a better place; Be a sister to every Girl Scout
- Earn the STUDIO 2B Focus: *uniquely me! The Real Deal charm*
- Put your leadership into action; spend 15 hours in a leadership role (examples below):
 - Assist in leadership of younger children
 - Serve as an officer of a school club or captain a sport team or program.
- Journal It: Use writing to capture and consider what you have learned in earning your Girl Scout Leadership Award by completing statements found in the **Go for it!** Book.

Step 3: Earn the Girl Scout Silver Career Award (charm) (this step is found in the **Go for It!** Book.

- What's Out There?
- Who's Out There?
- Be Your Own Boss- Earn "Your Own Business" IP Award
- Keep a Journal of your experience

Step 4: Earn the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge (charm): Planning hours maybe

applied towards the Girl Scout Silver Award project hours. This is the last step prior to starting the Silver Award Project.

- **Become-** Set goals
- **Belong-** Earn the charm *Looking In, Reaching Out*
- **Believe-** Identify a common issue within your community that you want to learn more about and to help improve.
- **Build-** Research the issue and come up with solution to address the issue.

Step 5: Earn the Girl Scout Silver Award

- Plan It - what do you want to do in your community?
- Know More About It - research the idea
- Choose It - brainstorm ideas, decide on resources needed to complete it, and determine how you will evaluate your success
- Map it - decide on steps and a timeline
- Do It - the project should take a minimum of 40 hours, provide a service to the community, and be approved by your leader or advisor.

Step 6: Think about It

- Evaluate your project with your advisor
- Complete your Final Report and submit to Girl Scouts of Swift Water.

When planning your Silver award project keep these things in mind:

1. The Silver Award project needs to provide a **NEW** and **NEEDED** service. This service can be done in or outside of Girl Scouting, and should be something that the girls haven't done before.
2. Show that you understand and live by the Girl Scout Promise & Law.
3. The project **MUST** be 100% planned and carried by the girl.
4. The project should take a **minimum** of forty hours to complete.
5. If the project is done by a group, each individual needs to complete forty hours.
6. Follow all safety guidelines in Safety-Wise.

All paperwork must be submitted and completed by age of 14 or completed by 9th grade. Final Reports need to be submitted to the Girl Membership Department at Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, in order to receive the Silver Award. Leaders are responsible for purchasing the Silver Award Pin from the Council store. The Girl Membership Department will provide the Silver Award Certificate of Completion for each recipient. In the fall or spring Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains co-hosts the

annual award ceremony, this is a chance to show recognition to all girls that have received the Silver and Gold Award, and those that have gone on *destinations*. Communities are also encouraged to hold community recognition events for Silver Award recipients.

Silver Award forms may be found in one of these ways:

1. Downloading from our website www.girlscoutsgwm.org
2. Calling for a packet at 888-474-9686

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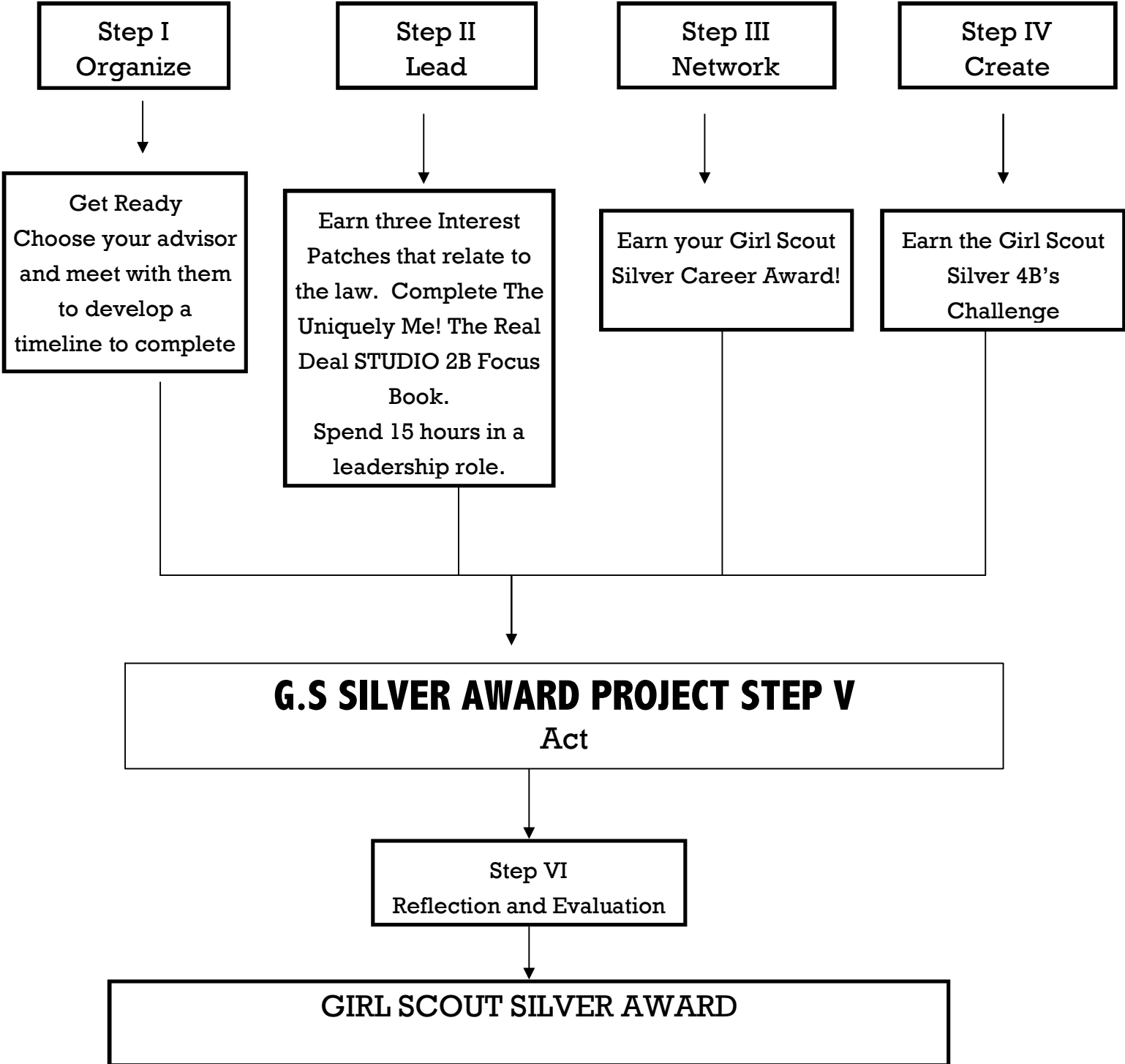
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SILVER AWARD BLUEPRINT



What should I do?

So you want to earn your Silver Award, but you don't know what to do? Use this form to help brainstorm some possibilities. Answer all the questions below. Then look at the answers to the questions and compare what they have in common.

Things you like to do:

Things that interest you:

Things you want to learn about:

Girl Scout or Community need:

Where do you see your project going?

Group Money-Earning Activities

Money-earning activities are valuable program activities for girls.

Group leaders obtain written approval from their council before starting a group money-earning project. Money-earning activities may not be conducted on the Internet. The number of money-earning projects may not exceed the amount of money needed to support group activities. The group determines the amount to be raised by preparing a group budget. Group money-earning activities need to be suited to the ages and abilities of the girls and consistent with the goals and principals of Girl Scout program. Review all procedures and equipment used to ensure that the activity is environmentally sound and the equipment is safe for girls to use. Some examples include making items and selling them, washing cars, putting on meals or dances for families, providing a gift-wrapping service, recycling beverage cans, or working at special events in the community.

1. Obtain the permission of a parent or guardian and make sure adults are present at all times when girls participate in money-earning activities outside their group meeting place.
2. The group submits a complete report on their money-earning activities, including an evaluation, to the Regional Office.
3. The income from group money-earning activities never becomes the property of individual members – girls or adults.

When girls are planning Girl Scout Silver Award projects or special service projects that require funds beyond the group treasury, they develop proposals that must be approved by the Council before individuals or community businesses are solicited. The girls and an adult make the presentations to potential funders.

Fund-Raising for Other Organizations

Girl Scouts, in their Girl Scout capacities, may not solicit money for other organizations. Girl members may support other organizations through service projects or a donation from their group treasury.

Some examples of suitable service projects to support other organizations include stuffing envelopes, delivering informational pamphlets to businesses, helping to organize and catalog books for a library book sale, serving as aids, or providing record-keeping assistance.

Girl Scouts may not raise or solicit money for other organizations or participate in walkathons or telethons or similar activities that raise funds for other organizations. However, girls may contribute a portion of their group treasury to organizations or projects they consider worthwhile (for example, local or international community service organizations or environmental projects). *Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council Leader Manual*
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Money-Earning Activities

Suggested Activities, coded by appropriate age level:

- Pet sitting, dog wash, or walking service B,J,C,S,
- Car Wash J,C,S
- Bake Sale B,J,C,S
- Yard Sale B,J,C,S
- Auction J,C,S
- Raking leaves, shoveling walks, weeding gardens B,J,C,S
- Baby sitting at Town Meeting, School Meeting, or other public Places J,C,S
- Delivery Service B,J,C,S
- Birthday Party Service C,S
- Ironing or laundry service C,S
- Collect and redeem recyclable materials B,J,C,S

- Catering meals for meetings or organizations J,C,S
- Put on a play, fashion show, talent show, karaoke night, family dance, game night, or costume party B,J,C,S
- Conduct classes for younger children in crafts, bike repair, sports clinics C,S
- Sell items from GSUSA Approved Vendors (candy, nuts, wrapping paper, t-shirts, pens, etc.) B,J,C,S (Call the Regional Office to get information about approved vendors)

* Check with your Service Unit Manager or Regional Office for more information on these activities.

*Craft Sale B,J,C,S

*Put on a breakfast, tea, or supper J,C,S

*Holiday gift wrapping J,C,S

*House Cleaning Service J,C,S

Not Appropriate

- Games of chance, raffles, casino nights, home demonstration products, coupons from restaurants, receiving a percentage of sales from a business during a specific time frame, "a-thons" (walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon, etc.).
- Questions about appropriate money earning activities should be directed to the Regional Office.

Silver Award Checklist

Chose your Silver Award Project

Complete the Steps 1-4 **must** be done prior to starting your project

Plan your Silver Award Project

Complete the Time Log as you are working towards the Silver Award Project

Complete Expense Sheet

Review Safety-Wise

If you working with others, follow up with them on their progress

Touch base with your advisor/leader(s)

Send out Media Release about your project (see pg. 11)

Spend at least forty hours planning and executing your project.

Complete and turn in the Silver Award Final Report Form to the Program Dept.

- Time Log
- Expense Sheet
- Description
- Photographs of Project

Send out thank you cards to everyone that help you through the process

Hello, Girl Scouts!

An important goal at Girl Scouts of Green and White Mountains is to attract as much media attention as possible for all of the wonderful projects that girls in our Council undertake. We have had much success in promoting service projects, the cookie sale, camps, troop trips, and more. In order for us to continue our successful media streak, I need your help. If we all work together to get girls the recognition they deserve for the terrific things they are doing in Girl Scouts, the entire council will benefit.

I've found that girls and volunteers who call a reporter or walk a press release into their local newspaper offices get excellent results, just call first to make sure he or she is not on deadline. Whether you are working on your Girl Scout Bronze, Silver or Gold Award, completing the requirements for LIT, working with younger troops, or traveling the world on a *destination*—you have a great story to tell!

Don't be afraid to share your story with local media. You know the details of your Girl Scout experiences better than anyone; therefore you are the best person to promote them.

I am happy to help you do that. In order for me to help you out, I need you to call me when you are ready to approach the media. Together, we can figure out how to pitch the story. Keep in mind—reporters would rather write a story that really captures the essence of what you are doing than attend a ceremony that honors you for something you have already done. And ask any women you talk to if they were Girl Scouts. That could open up a wealth of possibilities.

Your assistance in promoting your project is crucial—not only to get you the recognition you deserve, but to educate the public about all of the great things Girl Scouts are doing.

After you receive this letter, please call me at 888-474-9686 so we can work together to let your community know about the difference you are making.

Best wishes,

Public Relations Manager



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One form per girl. Leaders are not to fill in information. This must be done by the Girl's only. Please fill out using a word processing program, type, or print in black ink. Keep copies of all forms for your records. Incomplete forms will be returned. **Form must be turned in by September 30th of year you begin 10th grade or once project is completed.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Your email: _____

Age: ____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Troop/Group Advisor: _____ Troop/Group Number: _____

Troop/Group Advisor's Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

STEP 1: GET READY

Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor: _____

Project Advisor's Phone: (____) _____ Project Advisor's email: _____

Attach copy of timeline developed by you and your advisor.

STEP 2: GIRL SCOUT SILVER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Activities	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
1. Earn It: IP:		
IP:		
IP:		
2. Believe It: STUDIO 2B Focus book: <i>uniquely Me! The Real Deal</i>		

3. Lead It: (15 hours) Describe:		
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STEP 3: GIRL SCOUT SILVER CAREER AWARD

	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
What's out there?		
Who's out there?		
Your Own Business Interest Project Award		

STEP 4: GIRL SCOUT SILVER 4Bs AWARD

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
1. Become:		
2. Belong: STUDIO 2B Focus Book: Looking In, Reaching Out		
3. Believe Issue: How did you use your voice?		
4. Build: Describe your solution:		

G. Evaluate your project. What did you learn? What did you accomplish? What would you do differently?

H. Expense Sheet

I. Time Log

J. Personal Interview

K. If your project received any media coverage, please attach copy to final report.

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Project Advisor's Signature: _____

Project Advisor's Signature: _____

ACTIONS:	DATE:
Approved by Girl Scout Project Advisor:	
Awarded Girl Scout Silver Award:	

I plan on attending the Annual Award ceremony Yes No

I plan on having a community ceremony Yes No

Return form to:

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Pretend that you are a newspaper reporter and you have just interviewed yourself about your Silver Award project. Use this page to write your article and attach photos. Use this submit to your local newspaper to highlight your project.