

# Silver Award Process

Follow the process below to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award and ensure that the integrity and standards of excellence of the highest award for Girl Scout Cadettes are met.



**Complete pre-requisites:** A Cadette level Journey. Note: completing a Journey means earning all the awards and completing a Take Action Project in the Journey.

Download the Silver Award Guidelines at [gsw.org/highestawards](https://gsw.org/highestawards). Adults review the Silver Award section of the Highest Awards Learning Path on gsLearn.

**Identify Issues You Care About:** jot down some issues that concern you.

**Build Your Girl Scout Cadette Team OR Go Solo:** choose a small team of up to three other Cadettes or on your own.

**Explore Your Community:** it's time to do some exploring to find out what your community needs and where your areas of interest overlaps with those needs.

**Pick Your Take Action Project:** Many issues are big and complicated! Narrow your focus by picking one aspect of your issue, and then develop a solution to that problem.

**Choose Your Project:** remember to keep it simple! A clear, focused, and well-thought-out plan can often be more sustainable than taking on a huge project.

**Make a Plan and Put It In Motion:** build a list of what you need to do and how it can be done, and then figure out who will be doing what. Decide when each task needs finished.

**Reflect, Share Your Story, and Celebrate:** thank everyone who helped you and then share your story. Feel free to plan a celebration ceremony for your girls (troop, individual, service unit) once their award is officially approved.

**Complete the Silver Award Final Report** ([gsw.org/silveraward](https://gsw.org/silveraward)) submit via the jotform to the program staff at your regional Girl Scout Center for official award approval. A copy of your Silver Award approval letter is required to purchase pins from the Council Shop.

## Notes:

- Small group projects or individual projects are the award standard.
- Leader certifies that girls have completed all award requirements and council staff approves award.
- Minimum of 50 project hours per girl, all focused on the same issue, required.
- All steps including submission of paperwork must be completed by September 30 of the year girls enter grade 9.

