

# Girl Scout Leadership Awards

## Personal Leadership

Start with you—build confidence and courage to lead your way. The brand new True North award is the only one in this category, and is available for Junior, Cadettes, and Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts.

True North



The True North award is about discovering what matters to you and staying true to yourself. It's your chance to follow your values and take meaningful action, even when it feels hard or a little scary. Whether you're finding the courage to speak up for what you believe in, taking on challenges, or advocating for positive change, this award helps you build the confidence and clarity to chart your own course and take courageous steps toward what truly matters to you.



## Peer Leadership

Be an awesome teammate while learning how to guide a group. Two awards are available in this category: the Silver Torch award for Cadettes and the Gold Torch award for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts.

Silver Torch



Learn how to shine on a team at school or within a place of worship, Girl Scouts, or a community organization. Work toward a shared goal, support your teammates, and build confidence as you find out what motivates people and inspires positive change.



Gold Torch



This award gives you the know-how and skills to lead with purpose and heart, not just be in charge. Whether you're a team captain, club officer, advisory board member, or a leader at a community organization, you'll learn how to bring people together, turn ideas into impact, and inspire others.



# Teaching Leadership

Share your skills and inspire younger girls with hands-on leadership.

## Junior Aide



Discover your leadership style by planning and leading a fun, inclusive activity for younger kids. Build your confidence as you learn what it means to guide and inspire others.



## Program Aide



Grow your leadership skills by planning and leading multiple activities—including a full meeting—for younger Girl Scouts. You'll practice being a role model and engaging different age groups along the way.



## Volunteer in Training



Take charge by leading two full meetings. Create meaningful experiences that help younger Girl Scouts learn, grow, and feel included while making a lasting impact as a mentor and leader.



## Counselor in Training I



Team up with other teens to learn how to connect with campers, shadow and support camp staff, and take the lead on songs, games, and group activities. You'll build real leadership skills, make a lasting impact, and become the role model younger campers look up to—all while having a blast at camp.



## Counselor in Training II



Take your leadership to the next level by planning and leading fun, meaningful activities, including a hands-on service project, for younger campers. You'll also get to support camp staff by helping to manage schedules, keep groups on track, and handle real-life challenges like conflict resolution. You'll grow your skills, make a difference, and keep being the role model others look up to.



## Community Advocacy

Turn your passions into action by making change locally or globally. The Take Action award and Global Action award are available to Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts.

### Take Action



Team up to identify a local issue, understand what's behind it and who's already working on it, and create a lasting solution.



### Global Action



Explore how communities worldwide experience similar issues, then make a global connection by applying what you learn to your project.



## Highest Awards

You shine brightest when you're making the world a better place. That's why you can earn three separate awards—the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards—as you dream of a better tomorrow and take action in big ways today.

### Bronze Award



This leadership award allows juniors to team up and explore their community, discover a need or issue they care about, and work together to address it. They create a plan for their project that fulfills 20 hours per Girl Scout and makes an impact on the community they live in. The leader submits a Bronze Award Final Report online at [gsw.org](http://gsw.org) and receives an approval letter from GSWO which is required by the shop to purchase pins.



### Silver Award



This leadership award requires Cadettes to team up with a small group of fellow Girl Scouts or work on their own as they research an issue, make a plan to address it, and then take action to improve the community in a sustainable way. Their project plan must fulfill 50 hours per Girl Scout. The Cadettes submit their Final Report as a group, with individual essay questions, online at [gsw.org](http://gsw.org) and receive an approval letter from GSWO which is required by the shop to purchase pins.



### Gold Award



This award requires each individual Girl Scout to create and implement an 80 hour leadership project that achieves a sustainable and measurable impact beyond the Girl Scout community. Girl Scouts must submit a proposal and final report online through Go Gold ([gogold.girlscouts.org](http://gogold.girlscouts.org)) and be approved through the regional Gold Award committee.

