



# The Girl Scout Bronze Award: *FAQ for Parents & Caregivers*



## What is the Bronze Award?

The Silver Award is the highest award that Junior Girl Scouts can earn. To become a Bronze Award Girl Scout, girls identify an issue they're interested in, then plan and carry out a project to address it, which will allow them to demonstrate leadership skills.



## What are the prerequisites?

Girls must be a registered Junior Girl Scout. Before beginning their Bronze Award work, Girl Scouts must have completed one Junior Journey.

## How long does a Bronze Award project take to complete?

Bronze Award projects require a commitment of at least 20 hours from Girl Scouts. The timeline is designed by each team of girls. A project might be completed over the course of a summer—or in the span of a year or more.

## What should Girl Scouts consider in their decision to become a Bronze Award Girl Scout?

Girls should understand the time commitment and decide for themselves whether they truly want to take on a group project. The decision to do so should be a girl's own.

## Who else is involved in a Girl Scout's Bronze Award project?

Because the Bronze Award emphasizes leadership, Girl Scouts assemble a team of volunteers to help with their project. The volunteer pool is not limited to fellow Girl Scouts and can include anyone.

## What are helpful ways for parents to support their daughter as she becomes a Bronze Award Girl Scout?

- Get to know more about the Bronze Award and its guidelines. The council's [Bronze Award](#) page and [girlscouts.org](#) are both great resources.
- Discussing project ideas with her, to help her identify her interests and passions.
- Encourage—but don't pressure.
- Help her develop a network of contacts that can provide insight, skills, and resources.
- Acknowledge that she is capable and that she can assume leadership and responsibility in her own way.
- Prompt her to take the lead in working with her sister Girl Scouts and volunteer team.
- Let her grow by working through challenges she encounters along the way.
- Recognize that her project is as unique as she is so don't compare her—or her project—to other girls and their Bronze Awards.
- Be a cheerleader from the sidelines, and help when necessary.
- Celebrate big-time as she's honored as a Bronze Award Girl Scout!

