



Girl Scouts of Maine Gold Award Internship FAQs

This is an exciting new opportunity for Seniors and Ambassadors to earn college credit while earning the Gold Award. In partnership with Central Maine Community College, GSME has created an early college course to assist Girl Scouts with earning the Gold Award.

Application deadline is June 1st. Apply at: <https://forms.gle/13WJ9W3AkiDVw3Fh7>

Q: What kind of internship is this?

A: The internship specifics will depend on the topic and organization(s) you choose to work with for your Gold Award project. Example: You are passionate about food insecurity and want to address the root cause of the issue. You may research organizations in your community that address food insecurity or other related issues that contribute to food insecurity like homelessness. You would work with them as a part of your internship. It may include a local food pantry, shelter, and/or other community organization.

Q: What is the syllabus? What will I learn?

A: The internship course outcomes align with the seven steps of earning the Gold Award:

- Obtain practical experience with one or more community organizations.
- Apply knowledge and skills in multiple areas including root cause analysis, issue research, problem-solving, project planning, team building, developing partnerships, national/global linkages, evaluation/measurement plan, leadership, and/or time management.
- In coordination with the organization(s), select one or more strategies for the project.
- Draft a project plan using the standardized template which includes a timeline and a project budget.
- Reflect on progress and experiences throughout the Gold Award internship.
- Draft a final report using the standardized Gold Award template.

Q: Will there be information sessions about this?

A: Yes! Free, virtual information sessions will be held on February 18, March 23 and March 30. You can register for any of the sessions here: <https://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/en/discover/activities/events.html?q=Gold>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Customer Care for support at customercare@gsmaine.org or 888-922-4763

Q: Are girls who have already had their project approved eligible to apply?

A: No. This course is designed to assist Girl Scouts earn their Gold Award.

Q: What is the time frame for this course?

A: The Gold Award Internship course will start at the beginning of the CMCC fall semester (August) and end at the end of the CMCC spring semester (May).

Q: Is this an in-person or virtual class?

A: This is an online class.

Q: How often does the class meet?

A: There will be three virtual class sessions. Additional class meetings will be dependent upon the needs of the student. All other work will be completed at the student's pace.