



## What is the Silver Award?

The Silver Award is the highest award that Cadette Girl Scouts can earn. To become a Silver Award Girl Scout, a girl identifies an issue she cares about, then plans and carries out a project to address it, which will have a lasting impact in her community and beyond.

## What are the prerequisites?

Girls must be registered Cadette Girl Scouts. Before beginning her application, a Girl Scout must have completed one Cadette Journey and taken the Going for the Silver training.

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

Silver Award projects require a commitment of at least 20 hours from Girl Scouts. The timeline is designed by each individual or small 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 Silver Award Girl Scout?

They should consider the time commitment and decide for themselves whether they truly want to take it on. The decision to do so should be a girl's own.

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

Girl Scouts select a project advisor, who is an adult expert on their chosen issue. (Note: a girl's parent, caregiver, or troop leader can't hold this role.) The project advisor provides advice and expertise throughout the project. And because the Silver 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 Silver Award Girl Scout?

- **Get to know more about the Silver Award**, including GSME's Silver Award process and its guidelines. The council's [Silver 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 council, project advisor, and 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 Silver Awards.
- **Be a cheerleader from the sidelines**, and help when asked.
- **Celebrate big-time** as she's honored as a Silver Award Girl Scout!