



# Quick Guide: Silver Award

**Before you begin:** All Girl Scouts are required to complete one Cadette Girl Scout level journey, including the journey's Take Action project before working on the Silver Award

**Who:** Girl Scout Cadettes

**What:** Girl Scouts' highest award for Cadettes!

**When:** Complete prior to September 30th of the year you enter ninth grade

- How:**
1. Read the Silver Award Guidelines for Girl Scout Cadettes
  2. Brainstorm your Take Action project idea and consult your troop leader
  3. Complete the Silver Award Online Approval Tool using the questions guide with your troop leader, project advisor, or parent and make sure to print a copy of your approval confirmation
  4. Upon approval, complete your Take Action project
  5. Provide updates to your troop leader on your Silver Award Final Report
  6. Submit your Silver Award Final Report and approval confirmation through the online submission tool
  7. You've earned your Silver Award!

**Find the Silver Award Guidelines and other resources on our Council website: [www.gscnc.org/silveraward](http://www.gscnc.org/silveraward)**



## Silver Award Process Overview

### **Step One: Go On a Cadette Journey**

Discover, Connect and Take Action! with the skills you learned completing your Journey. The Journey will help you build the courage, confidence, and character you need to make an impact in your community. It also helps you learn how to take the lead and work as a member of a team.

### **Step Two: Identify Issues You Care About**

What concerns you? Is it litter? Animals without homes? What about safe places to play? Whatever you want to change about the world around you, focus on that. What you care about impacts your behavior and how you interact with your environment and with others.

### **Step Three: Gather A Team or Go Solo!**

You can earn your Silver Award as a member of a team, or by yourself. Whatever floats your boat. The Silver Award project takes about 50 hours to complete. If you do decide to earn it as a team, make sure your project is large enough for everyone to complete 50 hours of creating, planning, and taking action. Remember that your team should be no larger than four Girl Scouts!

### **Step Four: Explore Your Community**

Look around your community for problems that need a solution. Keep in mind the issue you identified during Step Two. Once you know the problem you want to solve, figure out what causes the problem. Think about ways that you can solve the problem you have identified.

### **Step Five: Pick Your Take Action Project**

Complete the Silver Award Project Proposal at <https://form.jotform.com/gscncprogram/girlscout-silver-award-proposal>. Next, work with your leader to review and provide final approval to start your project.

### **Step Six: Develop Your Project**

Find a community advocate who is already working to solve the problem you picked in Step Four. Ask this person to be your Silver Award Project Advisor. This will be great practice for the Gold Award. This person can help answer questions about your issue and provide feedback for your project idea.

### **Step Seven: Make a Plan and Put it Into Motion**

Create a list of what needs to be done, how you want to do it and figure out answer questions about your issue and who will be doing what. If you're on a team, everyone needs a role and responsibilities.

### **Step Eight: Reflect, Share Your Story, and Celebrate**

Celebrate your accomplishment! You met the challenge and made a difference in your world! Complete the Jotform at <https://form.jotform.com/gscncprogram/girlscout-silver-award-final-report> to get your final approval from the Council!