GSNYPENN Gold Award Proposal Submission & Presentation Calendar 2024

Submission Due Dates*	Committee Presentation Dates
MEMBER YEAR 23-24	
January 1, 2024	January 31, 2024
March 1, 2024**	March 27, 2024
May 1, 2024	May 29, 2024
July 1, 2024	July 31, 2024
September 1, 2024	September 25, 2024
Final Report Deadline September 1**	
MEMBER YEAR 24-25	
November 1, 2024	December 4, 2024

* Submission due dates are a cut off for the corresponding presentation date. After your mentor meeting, council will be notified if you are ready to proceed or need extra time for updates. Depending on timing, you may be moved to the next presentation date, so please respond promptly to any requests made.

**Gold Award proposals are due no later than March 1 of High School graduation year and Gold Award final reports are due no later than September 1 of High School graduation year. It can take 1-3 months for a proposal to be approved, so allow yourself plenty of time and submit a proposal as early as possible.

Gold Award Proposal and Project Approval Process:

1. Complete the council required training on gsLearn. You can request access to gsLearn by filling out the Request youth member access to gsLearn by clicking above or finding the form on our Gold Award webpage. You will receive access to GoGold, the web app where you will do your Gold Award work, after training is completed.

2. Download *Your Guide to Going Gold* from the Gold Award webpage. Read the guide and keep as a reference.

3. Complete steps 1-5 in GoGold, and when ready, click submit to send us your proposal.

4. Your proposal will be reviewed to ensure it meets basic requirements.
   - When basic requirements are met, you will be assigned two mentors from the Gold Award Committee who will contact you for a virtual meeting. They will review your proposal, make suggestions on how to strengthen it, and prepare you for the presentation to the committee.

   - If your proposal is missing elements or needs improvement before it can go forward to mentor assignment, the council will email you with comments and ask you to update and re-submit your proposal. Once your updated proposal is received you will be assigned mentors. *Do not be discouraged!* Most proposals are sent back for edits before and after the presentation.

5. You will meet with your Gold Award Committee mentors. They may ask you to add information to your proposal based on the conversation. If you are asked to update your proposal, you MUST do this and click submit before you will be scheduled for a presentation. Once your updated proposal is received, council will email you the details of the presentation and a link to sign up for a presentation slot. Most presentation interviews take 15-20 minutes.

6. After your presentation, you will receive feedback from the committee within two weeks. Outcomes will be "approved", "approved with additions", or "questions for clarification". If you are asked clarification questions, or to update and resubmit your proposal please do so in a timely manner. Once you have approval you may begin your project!