**Silver Award Requirements**

**General Information**

To earn a Silver Award, Girls MUST:

* Be a registered Cadette level Girl Scout at the time that a proposal is submitted.
* Have completed one Cadette level Journey prior to submitting a proposal.
* Complete the Awards training prior to submitting a proposal.
* Complete a project proposal online using the GSNYPENN website.
* Keep a detailed log of hours for everyone earning the award and submit with your final report.
* Submit a completed final report at the completion of the project – reports will not be accepted after September 1st of the girl’s 9th grade year. Final report is completed online using the GSNYPENN website.
* There cannot be more than 4 girls working on a project together.
* Once projects are submitted, it may take up to 2 weeks to process and gain approval to begin – please plan accordingly.
* If you choose a project that benefits Girl Scouts, projects must be focused outside of the Girl Scout’s Service Unit and must be for the greater good of the Council.
* Using the Silver Award Guidelines can be very helpful for planning and implementing your project.
* If your project requires a money earning activity, a request must be completed and submitted to NYPENN. Please note that if your troop has not participated in both the Cookie Sales and the Fall Product Sales you will not be eligible to participate in a money earning activity to support your project.

Silver Award projects are NOT Community Service Projects – they are Take Action projects, which means:

* Projects cannot be one-time events (creating/collecting/donating items).
* Projects cannot be fundraisers to collect money for another organization.
* Projects must identify the root cause, have long-term benefits and sustainable support.

**Hours**

* Required 50 hours minimum, per girl
  + What counts toward my 50 hours?
    - Research & Planning (before approval) = 10 hours max
    - Paperwork = 5 hours max
    - Money Earning = 5 hours
    - Implementation & Promotion = 35
  + What does not count toward my 50 hours?
    - Completing Journey or required training
    - Money earning activities over 5 hours
    - Research & Planning prior to approval more than 10 hours
    - Travel time (i.e. driving to get materials or to get to location) [UNLESS you are actively working during the trip]
    - Implementation & Promotion prior to approval
    - Time working on the project by other people

**Elements to Include**

1. What is the issue that you are addressing through your project?
2. Identify the Root Cause of the issue.
3. What is the goal of the project (can have more than one)?
4. Why does your project matter?
5. Who will it help and how?
6. What will you do?
7. How will you know when you’ve met your goals?
8. You must include awareness/education – how are you making aware or educating other people about the issue, the root cause and how they can help?
9. Sustainability – how will you ensure that your project continues after you’ve earned your award?
10. In your final report you must discuss your Global Link (research about your issue elsewhere for ideas and think about how your solution could help in other areas).

***If you have any concerns about your project, including hours, please contact:***

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