

2025 GSNYPENN Gold Award Proposal Submission Procedure & Presentation Calendar

Proposal Submission Due Dates*	Committee Presentation Dates
MEMBER YEAR 24-25	
January 1, 2025	January 29, 2025
March 1, 2025**	March 26, 2025
May 1, 2025	May 28, 2025
July 1, 2025	July 30, 2025
September 1, 2025	September 24, 2025
Final Report Deadline September 30**	
MEMBER YEAR 25-26	
November 1, 2025	December 3, 2025

* 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.

**While you may submit a proposal and final report at any time, a proposal must be submitted no later than March 1 of your high school graduation year, and a Gold Award final report must be submitted no later than September 30 of your high school graduation year. It can take 1-2 months for a proposal to be approved, so allow yourself plenty of time and submit a proposal as early as possible. Gold Award projects average at least one year to complete.

Gold Award Proposal and Project Approval Process:

1. Complete the council-required Gold Award training on gsLearn. You can [request access](#) by filling out the “Request youth member access to gsLearn” form by clicking the above link or finding the link on our [Gold Award](#) webpage. After training is completed, you will receive access to gogold.
2. Download [Your Guide to Going Gold](#) from the Gold Award webpage. Read the guide and keep it as a reference as you complete your proposal.
3. Complete steps 1-4 in gogold. Have an adult proofread your proposal. When you have received your adult volunteer and project advisor electronic verification, you can click submit (step 5) to send your proposal to council.
4. Once received, your proposal will be reviewed.
 - 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 significant edits, 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 the presentation.
5. You will meet with your Gold Award Committee mentors. After, they will let council know if you are ready to present to the full committee. **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 approved by your mentors, council will be able to invite you to the next presentation.
6. After your presentation, you will receive feedback from the committee within a week. Outcomes will be “approved”, “approved with additions”, or “questions for clarification”. If you are asked clarification questions, or to update and resubmit your proposal before approval can be given, please do so promptly. Once you have approval you may begin your project!