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

Key Deadlines

- Proposal Submission*: Submit no later than March 1 of your high school graduation year.
- Final Report Submission**: Submit by September 30 of your high school graduation year.
- Approval Process: The proposal prep and approval can take 1-2 months, so plan accordingly.
- Project Duration: Gold Award projects typically take at least one year, so starting early is important.

Gold Award Proposal and Project Approval Process

1. Complete Required Training on gsLearn

   o Request access via the **"Request youth member access to gsLearn"** form.

   o After completing the training, you'll receive a link to gogold for proposal submission.

2. Download the Guide

   o Download and read **"Your Guide to Going Gold"** from the Gold Award webpage for reference during the proposal process.

3. Complete Proposal Steps

   o Complete Steps 1-4 in gogold.

   o Have an adult proofread your proposal.

   o Obtain electronic verification from your adult volunteer and project advisor.

   o Submit your proposal by clicking Step 5.

4. Proposal Review

   o After submission, if basic requirements are met, you'll be assigned two mentors from the Gold Award Committee.

     ▪ These mentors will arrange a virtual meeting to review your proposal.

     ▪ They'll offer suggestions and help you prepare for your presentation.

5. Mentor Meeting and Final Approval Preparation

   o Meeting with Mentors: After your mentors review your proposal, they'll notify the council when it's ready for presentation.

   o Respond promptly to any updates or requests to keep the process moving smoothly.

- o If requested, update your proposal promptly, and once approved, the council will invite you to present.

6. Presentation and Feedback
    - o After the presentation to the committee, you'll receive feedback within a week.
    - o Feedback will be one of the following:
        - ▪ Approved
        - ▪ Approved with additions
        - ▪ Questions for clarification (may require proposal updates/resubmit)
    - o If further updates are needed, make them promptly.
    - o Once your proposal is approved, you can begin your project!

Key Considerations:

- Allow plenty of time for each step, as proposal preparation and approval can take several months.
- Start early to ensure ample time for your project, which typically requires at least a year to complete.

By following these steps and staying on top of deadlines, you can successfully navigate the Gold Award process!

Questions:

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