

# Girl Scout Awards

There's no better place than Girl Scouts to develop leadership skills and achieve awards! Girl Scouts offers award opportunities at all levels, starting with our youngest leaders—Girl Scout Daisies in kindergarten—through high school seniors—Girl Scout Ambassadors.

Awards can be earned individually, or with a troop or group.

**For more information, visit [gsnypenn.org](http://gsnypenn.org) or email [info@gsnypenn.org](mailto:info@gsnypenn.org).**

## Highest Awards



### Girl Scout Gold Award

The Gold Award is the highest award an individual Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador (grades 9-12) can earn. Through pursuing the Gold Award, Girl Scouts change the world by tackling issues they are passionate about to drive lasting change in their communities and beyond while they learn essential skills that will prepare them for all aspects of life. As a bonus, the Gold Award opens doors to a variety of scholarships, preferred admission tracks for college, strong networking and career opportunities and much more. Each Girl Scout will spend a minimum of 80 hours working on their Gold Award and utilize the “GoGold” website to complete steps and track progress. Gold Award Girl Scouts work with a Gold Award committee mentor throughout their project. Prerequisites include completing one Senior or Ambassador Journey (if Silver Award earned) or two Journeys, and the required council training.\*

### Girl Scout Silver Award

The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette (grades 6-8) can earn. Cadettes can work on this award individually or with a team of up to four Cadettes. For the Silver Award, Cadettes identify an issue they care about, explore the community to research the root cause of the issue, come up with a Take Action project to reduce or eliminate the cause, and put the plan into action. Each Cadette will spend a minimum of 50 hours working on the award. Going for the Silver Award gives Cadettes the opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills while making a difference in the world. Prerequisites include completing one Cadette Journey and the required council training.\*

### Girl Scout Bronze Award

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior (grades 4-5) can earn. To earn the award Juniors team up with their troop or a group of Juniors. Together, Juniors choose and research an issue they care about, and plan and implement a Take Action Project that will make a difference in the world. Prerequisites include completing one Junior Journey and reading the Bronze Award Guidelines. The Bronze Award requires each team member to dedicate a minimum of 20 hours to complete the award.\*

# Awards for All Girl Scout Levels

## Journey Summit Award

The Journey Summit pin is earned by completing three Journeys for your Girl Scout level. Choose from It's Your World - Change It!, It's Your Planet - Love It!, It's Your Story - Tell It!, Think Like an Engineer, Think Like a Programmer, Think Like a Citizen Scientist, and Outdoor.



## My Promise, My Faith

The My Promise, My Faith pin is an award found within each Girl Scout level's edition of their handbook. This award helps Girl Scouts explore how Girl Scouting and their faith offer similar ideas about how to interact with the world around them—and how Girl Scouting can tie into their faith.



## Safety Award

Each Girl Scout level has a Safety Award pin. By earning this award, Girl Scouts will learn how to identify hazards, stay safe, and what to do during an emergency during Girl Scout adventures or at home, school, or in the community. More details can be found in each level's handbook.



## Bridging Award

Girl Scouts earn this award by completing two steps: Pass It On – sharing talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts, and Look Ahead – learning from older Girl Scouts about what to look forward to at the next level. More details can be found in each level's handbook.



## Presidents' Volunteer Service Award

This award recognizes Girl Scouts for community service over a 12-month period. It is a Presidential honor, initiated by President Bush in 2003, to recognize the valuable contributions of volunteers across the nation. As a certifying organization, GSNYPENN can identify eligible Girl Scout recipients, verify their service hours, and distribute the award. Contact council for more information.



# Meritorious Service Awards

## Medal of Honor

This award is given to a Girl Scout who has shown presence of mind (a clear and calm head) and true Girl Scout spirit in an emergency. Contact council for guidelines and an application.



## Bronze Cross

This award is given to a Girl Scout who has shown extraordinary heroism or risked their life to save another's. Contact council for guidelines and an application.



# Special Opportunity Awards

## Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin

Every year a Girl Scout sells cookies they can earn a Cookie Entrepreneur Family pin. There are special activities to do with family members for each level to develop and practice business skills, set goals, make plans, and hit benchmarks.



## Global Action Award

The Girl Scout Global Action award calls for Girl Scouts to address global goals by discovering, connecting, and taking action in their communities and the world. Each year the award focuses on one of 17 different Sustainable Development Goals which include issues like climate action, gender equality, hunger, quality education and clean water.



## World Thinking Day Award

Since 1926, on February 22 of each year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from 150 countries celebrate World Thinking Day. By completing the steps for this award, Girl Scouts celebrate and honor international friendship by doing the same activities around a shared theme to effect change on a global level. Previous themes have included the environment, gender equality, peace, security, and global poverty.



## International Friendship Recognition Pin

Girl Scouts who live overseas can earn this award by doing activities that encourage international friendships within their host country.



# Mentoring Awards

## Junior Aide

Girl Scout Juniors can earn this award by making and completing a plan to guide Girl Scout Daisies or Brownies on one of their Journeys. More information can be found in the Girl Scout Junior handbook.



## Leader in Action (LiA)

Cadettes can earn this award by assisting a Brownie group on any of their National Leadership Journeys. There are three different LiA awards, one for each Journey series. To earn a LiA, Cadettes share organizational skills, use a special talent, teach Brownies something important from their Journey, and then reflect on the experience. Complete requirements can be found in the Brownie Leadership Journey adult guides.



## Cadette Program Aide

Cadettes can earn this award by completing a council leadership training course and working with younger Girl Scouts over six activity sessions. This might be assisting with Journey activities, or working with a group at meetings, camp, or a special council event.

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## Counselor-in-Training I (CIT I)

Senior Girl Scouts can earn this award by mentoring younger Girl Scouts in a camp setting as they build skills toward becoming a camp counselor. CITs complete a council designed leadership training course at one of GSNYPENN's camps.

CIT

## Counselor-in-Training II (CIT II)

Ambassadors who have earned the CIT I award can earn the CIT II award by working with younger Girl Scouts over the course of one camp session while focusing on increasing skills in one specific area such as lifeguarding, the arts, or campcraft. This award can be earned at one of GSNYPENN's camps.

CIT II

## Volunteer-in-Training (VIT)

Girl Scouts who have completed ninth grade can earn this award by mentoring a Daisy, Brownie, Junior or Cadette group outside of the camp experience. After finding an adult volunteer mentor and completing a council leadership training course, a thoughtful program based on a Journey or a badge that lasts over four or more sessions (three to six months) will be implemented.

VIT

# National Leadership Awards

## Silver, Silver & Gold and Gold Torch Awards

The leadership torch award recognizes a Cadette (Silver Torch), Senior (Silver & Gold Torch) or Ambassador (Gold Torch) who completes one level-appropriate Journey and serves one full term in a leadership position at a school, place of worship, library, town council, community center, after-school club, or similar organization. The length of service will depend on the term specified by the organization, or the position held.



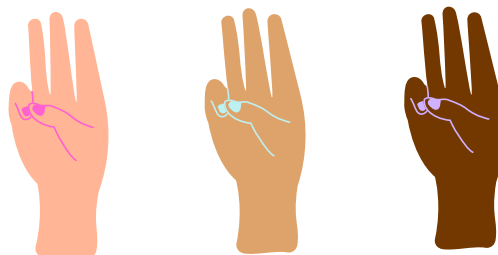
## Community Service Bar

To earn a Cadette, Senior or Ambassador Community Service Bar a Girl Scout chooses an organization to volunteer with, gets instructions about the work they would like completed, and then gets council approval before beginning service. Complete at least 20 hours of service to earn the level-appropriate bar. \*\*



## Service to Girl Scouting Bar

To earn a Cadette, Senior or Ambassador Service to Girl Scouting Bar a Girl Scout must volunteer at least 20 hours to the Girl Scout organization. Examples of service include volunteering time at a special event for younger Girl Scouts, helping with special projects, or providing volunteer assistance at a Girl Scout service center, or camp. \*\*



\*The Journey Take Action project is separate from the Highest Awards Take Action project and hours completing the Journey do not count toward Higher Award hours.

\*\*Hours of service Girl Scouts use to earn these awards are separate from those counted towards other awards.