

Supporting Junior Girl Scouts Through the Bronze Award



GSNYPENN Bronze Award Requirements:

- All team members are registered Junior Girl Scouts in fourth or fifth grade.
- Before beginning a Bronze Award project, all team members must complete a Bronze Award prerequisite. Through September 30, 2026, this requirement may be met by completing a Junior Journey (including the Journey Take Action Project) or by earning a [Junior Leadership Award](#).
Hours spent completing the prerequisite do not count toward Bronze Award project hours.
 - Please note: Beginning October 1, 2026, the [Junior Leadership Awards](#) will be the required Bronze Award prerequisite, as the Girl Scout Journey program will be retired.
 - Details on Junior Leadership Awards on page 2.
- The project is led by a Junior troop, a group of Juniors, or a Junior Girl Scout with peers of the same age. The Bronze Award is not an individual project.
- Each team member works on the project for a minimum of 20 hours.

Troop/Group Leader Responsibilities:

1. Complete Council-required Bronze Award Leader training on [gsLearn](#) before beginning a Bronze Award with your group.
2. Read the Bronze Award Guidelines. (Found in the [Volunteer Tool Kit](#) or on our website.)
3. Confirm that each team member meets the prerequisites.
4. Guide the team in developing the project by following the steps in order using the Bronze Award Guidelines for Girl Scout Juniors. Suggest and help but allow the team to learn by doing. Email info@gsnypenn.org if you have any questions or need help.
 - a. Ensure the project meets the requirements for a Take Action Project and is not solely or primarily a community service project.
5. Complete Intention to Pursue a Bronze Award [Form](#). Complete this form to notify the council that your troop is beginning its Bronze Award journey. Throughout the process, we'll check in approximately every three months to provide guidance, answer questions, and celebrate your progress.
6. Approve the proposed Bronze Award project. GSNYPENN does not require approval of Bronze Award proposals; Troop Leaders have approval of this step.
7. Join the Highest Awards Support Group on Facebook for encouragement, Q & A, and general support from other volunteers!

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8. Submit the Bronze Award Final Report to Council by 9/30 of the year any team member completes 5th grade. (The report link will be provided after training is completed.)
9. After the final report is approved, the council will prepare a certificate, letter, and Bronze Award pin for each Girl Scout.
 - a. Distribute the Bronze pins and certificates received in the mail from the council.
10. Congratulations Girl Scouts! Celebrate the Junior Girl Scouts' accomplishment!

Remember!

- Ensure all GSUSA and GSNYPENN policies and safety guidelines are followed. (Policies and [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) on our website.)
- If needed, submit a Money Earning Activity (MEA) [request form](#) for project fundraising activity approval.
- If needed, submit a Request for In-Kind Donation or Monetary Donation [form](#) for preapproval.

Junior Leadership Awards

Personal Leadership: True North Award

Is there something you've been wanting to do that takes courage? Maybe you're ready to try something new, have a hard conversation, or show support for what you believe in (even if others disagree). This award is your chance to make it happen— and grow as a leader!

Purpose: When I've earned this award, I will have explored what's important to me, built my confidence, and acted with courage.

Teaching Leadership: Junior Aide

As a Girl Scout, you've already practiced being a leader. Leading means helping others and making things better, however that looks for you. Do you want to take the lead with younger kids? Here's your chance to share your skills, plan fun activities, and find your unique way of being a leader. You have so much to offer!

Purpose: When I've earned this award, I will know how to plan and lead a fun, inclusive activity for younger kids.

Community Advocacy: Take Action Award or Global Action Award

As a Girl Scout, you have the power to make a difference for animals, people, and our planet! With friends or fellow Girl Scouts, create a project that addresses a community issue. Take Action projects address local challenges, while Global Action projects explore how communities worldwide have approached similar issues.

Purpose: When I've earned this award, I'll know how to address a local or global community issue