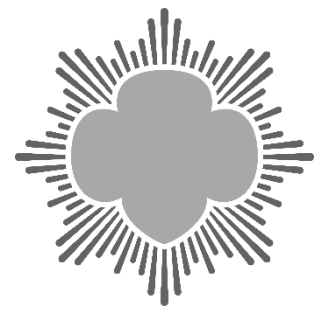


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GSNYPENN Silver Award Requirements

- All team members are registered Cadette Girl Scouts in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade.
- Before beginning a Silver Award project, all team members must complete one prerequisite.
 - A Cadette Leadership Award, the Bronze Award, or a completed Cadette Journey are options for a Silver Award prerequisite.
 - Please note: Beginning October 1, 2026, Cadette Journey Programs will no longer be available for Girl Scouts to complete.
 - If a Cadette completed a Cadette Journey before October 1, 2026, that completed Journey will satisfy the prerequisite.
 - Hours spent completing the prerequisite do not count toward Silver Award project hours.
 - Details on Cadette Leadership Awards are included at the end of this resource.
- The Silver Award Team can have up to **four Cadette Girl Scouts**.
- Each team member works on the project for a **minimum of 50 hours**.
- Before beginning work on the Silver Award, each Cadette and supporting adult volunteer must complete the council-required Silver Award training on gsLearn.

Troop/Group Leader Responsibilities

1. Complete the council-required Adult Volunteer Silver Award training on [gsLearn](#) before beginning a Silver Award with your Cadette(s).
2. Ensure each Cadette completes the council-required Cadette Silver Award training on gsLearn. This may be completed as a group using the troop/group leader's gsLearn account. Individual Girl Scouts age 13 and older may request youth gsLearn access through the Silver Award webpage.
3. Read the Adult Guide to Earning the Silver Award and encourage Cadettes to use the Cadette Workbook for Earning the Silver Award. Both are available on the GSNYPENN Silver Award webpage.
4. Join the Highest Awards Support Group on Facebook for encouragement, Q&A, and general support from other volunteers and program staff.
5. Guide the Cadette(s) through the Silver Award process by following the steps in order and using the Cadette Silver Award Workbook.
 - Encourage Cadettes to start with an issue, rather than a project idea, and allow them to take ownership of their project and learn by doing.
6. Ensure the project meets the requirements for a Take Action Project and is not solely or primarily a community service project. Contact the council if you have questions or need support.
7. Ensure all GSUSA and GSNYPENN policies and safety guidelines are followed, including applicable [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#).

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8. Review and assist with the Silver Award proposal before it is submitted to Council. Check grammar and typos, and make sure the proposal includes the information needed to understand the project, its impact, and the Cadette's plan.
 - The proposal submission link will be provided after the required training is completed.
9. Ensure the Silver Award proposal is submitted to Council no later than May 30 of the year the Cadette completes eighth grade.
10. If needed, submit a [Money Earning Activity \(MEA\) request form](#) for project fundraising activity approval.
 - All in-kind and monetary donations must be preapproved. Use the [Request for In-Kind Donation or Monetary Donation form](#) when applicable.
11. If project income and expenses are managed through a troop account, maintain separate records for the Silver Award project on a spreadsheet or other document. To support transparency and accurate reporting, avoid cash reimbursements and make payments directly from the troop account whenever possible.
12. Ensure the Cadette(s) submit the Silver Award Final Report to Council by September 30 of the year any team member enters ninth grade.
 - The final report link will be provided in the project approval email.
13. After the final report is approved, celebrate the Cadette(s) and their accomplishment!

Remember!

- Encourage Cadettes to take ownership of their project. Your role is to guide, support, and ask questions, while allowing them to make decisions and learn through the process.
- Silver Award projects may involve fundraising, donations, partnerships, volunteers, or other activities that require additional Council approval. If you are in doubt, contact the Volunteer Services Team before moving forward.
- If you or your Cadette(s) have questions or need support, contact the Volunteer Services Team at info@gsnypenn.org or 1 (800) 943-4414, option 2

Cadette Leadership Awards

Personal Leadership Award: 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.

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Peer Leadership Award: Silver Torch Award

Learn how to shine on a team at school or within a place of worship, Girl Scouts, or a community organization. Work toward a shared goal, support your teammates, and build confidence as you find out what motivates people and inspires positive change.

Purpose: When I've earned this award, I'll know how to lead by being a great teammate.

Teaching Leadership Award: Program Aide

Grow your leadership skills by planning and leading multiple activities—including a full meeting—for younger Girl Scouts. You'll practice being a role model and engaging different age groups along the way.

Purpose: When I've earned this award, I'll have planned and led multiple activities for a group of 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.