

About the Girl Scout Gold Award

Gold Award Girl Scouts don't just change the world for the better, they change it for good. The Gold Award is earned by girls in grades 9–12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. Since 1916, Girl Scouts have answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change. The Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable.

Gold Award Girl Scouts follow seven steps to earn their designation. They:

1. Choose an issue. Use their values and skills to identify a community issue they care about.
2. Investigate. Research everything they can about the issue.
3. Get help. Invite others to support and take action with them.
4. Create a plan. Create a project plan that can deliver sustainable and measurable impact.
5. Present the plan. Sum up their project plan for their Girl Scout council.
6. Take action. Take the lead to carry out their plan.
7. Educate and inspire. Share with others what they've experienced and learned.

Did you know...

Our more than 50 million Girl Scout alums are more successful in school, develop a stronger sense of self, and report greater life satisfaction than women who weren't Girl Scouts in their youth? It's true!

Also compared to non-alums...

Gold Award Girl Scouts rate their general success in life significantly higher and report greater success in reaching their goals in education, career, and volunteer work. Impressive!

With regard to education, Gold Award Girl Scouts:

- Distinguish themselves among competition in the college admissions process
- Take advantage of unique scholarship opportunities
- Enter the military one rank higher than their peers

And speaking of leading, Gold Award Girl Scouts:

- Are confident and have strong self-worth
- Have time management down
- Serve as role models for other girls
- Know firsthand how to make the world a better place
- Know their way around goal setting—which can set them up for life!

Gold Award Girl Scouts also know a thing or two about community involvement. After all, they've successfully:

- Tackled issues they're passionate about—issues with local and/or global implications
- Partnered with members of their communities to take action, resulting in sustainable impact
- Collaborated with and learned from adult mentors and project advisors

Girl Scout Research Institute (2012). *Girl Scouting Works: The Alumnae Impact Study*.