

Silver Award Quick-Start Guide for Girl Scout Cadettes



Step One: Go On a Cadette Journey

Complete a Cadette Journey first! It helps you learn how to make a plan and take the lead!

Step Two: Identify Issues You Care About

What are you passionate about? The environment? Literacy? Let your focus be on the change you want to see in your community. Remember, you will spend a lot of hours on this project, so it helps to love the topic!

Step Three: Gather A Team or Go Solo!

You can earn as an individual or be part of a team. It takes about 50 hours to complete. Teams of 4 or less must have enough unique parts of the project with individual leadership hours.

Step Four: Explore Your Community

Look around your community for problems that need a solution. Keep in mind the issue you identified during Step Two. Once you know the problem you want to solve, figure out what causes the problem.

Step Five: Develop Your Project

Find a community advocate who is already working to solve the problem you picked in Step Four. Ask this person to be your Silver Award Project Advisor. This will be great practice for the Gold Award. This person can help answer questions about your issue, and provide feedback.

Step Six: Pick Your Take Action Project

Complete the Silver Award Online Approval Tool on our website, www.gsctx.org, under **About > Our Program > Highest Awards > Silver Award**. When completed, print out your project approval. Meet with your Silver Award Manager or Consultant.

Step Seven: Make A Plan and Put It into Motion

Create a list of what needs to be done, how you want to do it and figure out who will be doing what. If you're on a team, everyone needs a role and responsibilities. Decide on dates for each task to be completed. Keep records as you complete the tasks and if a task requires follow-up, write those items into the plan too.



Step Eight: Reflect, Share Your Story, and Celebrate

Celebrate your accomplishment! You met the challenge and made a difference in your world!

For more information, please see the *Guidelines for Girl Scout Cadettes*.