**The Girl Scout Gold Award**

**STEP 1: Choose an Issue**
- Utilize the Gold Award Toolkit on council website for:
  - Decision-making tips
  - Interview tips
  - Making your pitch tips

**STEP 2: Investigate**
- Do some extensive research (including how your issue has a global reach)
- Go to the Library
- Interview people (utilize the Mind-Mapping Tool)

**STEP 3: Get Help**
- Build your community team
  - Utilize Teaming Tips & Content/Project Advisor Tips

**STEP 4: Create a Plan**
- Utilize the Project Planner
- Planning and Budgeting Tips
- Sustainability Tips

**STEP 5: Present your Plan**
- Use Project Planning Checklist
- Fill out Project Proposal Form
- Submit a signed Proposal form to Council by a specified deadline
- Communicate with the Gold Award Committee for feedback
- Make a Project Plan Agreement with your Gold Award Committee Advisor for approval to begin

**STEP 6: Take Action!**
- Do an 80 hour project (recommended), including hours in steps 1-5
- Be sure to check in with your Gold Award Committee Advisor
- Ask for help if you hit speed bumps along the way

**STEP 7: Educate & Inspire**
- Utilize Sharing Tips, Reflection Tools
- Fill out the Final Report
- Submit to your Gold Award Committee Advisor for signatures

**Pre-requisites**
- Complete two of the Journeys! OR Have earned your Silver Award & complete one Journey!
- Read all project paperwork that’s available online and watch the short Gold Award Video found on www.gsctx.org/girls/awards

- Accomplishments prior to 9th grade cannot be used toward the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- The pre-requisites must be completed before the Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal Form can be submitted to Council.

**You must be a Senior or Ambassador (grades 9-12) to earn the Gold Award.**

**You must complete your project and submit Final Report no later than Sept. 30th of the year in which you graduate.**