

**Girl Scout Commonwealth Council Recommendations for
Transitioning to the New Process For
Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards**

In July of 2009, GSUSA released new guidelines for earning the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

GSCCV will not require girls just starting out earning these awards to earn them the “new journey way” until September 2010.

GSCCV has opted to take this year, 2009-2010, as a transitional year in order to be flexible and fully ready to provide workshops in the new process in the 2010-2011 membership year.

Girl Scouts who have started earning the award in the current (i.e., “old way”) will be able to continue to earn the award under the old way or change to the new journey way. Any girl who, by September 30, 2010, is just starting to work on her Bronze, Silver or Gold must follow the new process. Please see the boxes below for more detailed recommendations and the GSUSA [Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards At a Glance](#) document for more information on the new process of earning the awards.

Girl Scout Bronze Award

Grade during 2009–10	What to do in 2009–10	What to do in 2010–11	What to do in 2011-12
4th Grade	Begin the new way by doing one journey book.	Finish the journey and do a Bronze Award Take Action Project.	You will be Cadettes.
5th Grade	Continue doing old way prerequisites and do the Bronze Award. If you have completed a journey, then do a Bronze Award project this year.	You will be Cadettes.	You will be Cadettes.

Girl Scout Silver Award

Grade during 2009-10	What to do in 2009-10	What to do in 2010-11	What to do in 2011-12
6th Grade	Begin the new way by doing one journey book.	Continue the new way prerequisites or if you haven't done so already, do a journey book.	Do your Silver Award
7th Grade	If you have started doing prerequisites for Silver in the “old way”, continue or decide to do a journey as a new way prerequisite.	Wrap up any old way prerequisites and do your Silver Award or if you began the new way, wrap up any new way prerequisites and do your Silver Award Take Action Project.	You will be a Senior.
8th Grade	Wrap up any old way prerequisites and do your Silver Award.	You will be a Senior.	You will be a Senior.

Girl Scout Gold Award

Grade in 2009-10	What to do in 2009-10	What to do in 2010-11	What to do in 2011-12	What to do in 2012-13
9th Grade	Begin a journey book. If you did not complete your Silver Award, you will need to complete two journey books.	Complete second journey book if you did not do your Silver Award. Attend Gold Award workshop.	Wrap up prerequisites. Submit “new way proposal and after approval, do project.	If not complete, continue project; turn in final report.
10th Grade	If you have already	Attend a workshop.	If you haven't	You're an Adult Girl

	<p>begun the Studio2B style “old way” prerequisites for Gold, continue in this manner. Attend an Overview or Proposal Workshop depending on how far along you are OR if you haven’t, begin doing two journey books. If you complete your Silver Award, only one journey is necessary as a Gold prerequisite.</p>	<p>Continue to earn the “old way” prerequisite awards. Submit your proposal and after approval, do project OR continue to work on journey book(s). If time allows, submit your proposal and after approval, begin project.</p>	<p>already done so, submit your “old way” proposal and after approval, complete your project OR if you haven’t already done so, submit your “new way” proposal and after approval, complete your project.</p>	<p>Scout now!</p>
<p>11th Grade</p>	<p>Attend a workshop. If you have already begun the Studio 2B style “old way” prerequisites for Gold, continue in this manner. Depending on how far along you are OR if you haven’t, begin the two journey books. Only one is needed if you completed your Silver Award.</p>	<p>If you haven’t done so already, attend a workshop. Submit an “old way” proposal and after approval, complete the project OR if not yet complete, finish the journey book(s), take a “new way” workshop, submit proposal and after approval, begin project.</p>	<p>You’re an Adult Girl Scout now!</p>	<p>You’re an Adult Girl Scout now.</p>
<p>12 Grade</p>	<p>If you haven’t done so already, attend a Proposal Workshop. Complete any remaining “old way” prerequisites and submit an “old way” proposal and after approval, complete the project.</p>	<p>You’re an Adult Girl Scout now!</p>	<p>You’re an Adult Girl Scout now!</p>	<p>You’re an Adult Girl Scout now.</p>

The new award guideline booklets will be made available in the Form GSCC quick links-forms, under leadership programs. Library at www.comgirlscouts.org. If you have questions concerning these awards, please contact the Program Department at 1-804-764-3329 or melmore@comgirlscouts.org.

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