



## Gold Award Quick Reference Guide

Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take “make the world a better place” to the next level. Seniors and Ambassadors who earn the Gold Award tackle issues that are dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond. Think of the Gold Award as a key that can open doors to scholarships, preferred admission tracks for college, and amazing career opportunities.

If you are ready to explore becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout, participating in training is the first step.

### Gold Award training

Virtual (Zoom) training dates:

- Tuesday, September 14, 6:30pm
- Thursday, November 18, 6:30pm
- Monday, February 7, 6:30pm

To receive the zoom link for these training, please contact [HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org)

A recorded training will be available on our website at [www.comgirlscouts.org](http://www.comgirlscouts.org) in October 2021.

**Brainstorming sessions** will be held throughout the year for girls considering their project and wanting to discuss it with a member or the Gold Award Review Committee prior to submitting her proposal. This step is optional and not a requirement. To participate in one or all these sessions, please contact [HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org) for the participation (Zoom) link. These brainstorming sessions will be held on:

- Sunday, October 17, 1pm
- Sunday, November 21, 1pm
- Sunday, January 16, 1pm
- Sunday, March 20, 1pm
- Sunday, May 15, 1pm
- Sunday, August 21, 1pm

Once a girl’s project proposal has been submitted through Go Gold Online, she will be contacted to schedule participation in her Gold Award Committee Review. This review is a requirement in earning the Gold Award and gives a girl the opportunity to share her proposal with a team of volunteers dedicated to supporting her successfully in her project.

### Gold Award Committee Review dates October 2021-August 2022

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| • Sunday October 3  | • Sunday, April 3  |
| • Sunday, November 7                                      | • Sunday, May 1    |
| • Sunday, December 5                                      | • Sunday, June 5   |
| • Sunday, January 9                                       | • Sunday, July 10  |
| • Sunday, February 6                                      | • Sunday, August 7 |
| • Sunday, March 6 (Deadline for 12 <sup>th</sup> graders) |                    |

All Gold Award final reports must be submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup> the year a girl graduates from High School. Preferably, it will be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the project. For more information on GSCV Highest Awards, please contact [HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org) or 804-746-0590, Ext. 316.



## **Gold Award Quick Reference Guide: The Steps to Earning the Gold Award**

**Required prerequisites:** Complete Two Senior or Ambassador Journeys (including the take action projects) or One Senior or Ambassador Journey and your Silver Award.

**Required:** Complete training and the brief quiz following the training. Training can be completed in a live virtual session or through a recorded version. Information on both can be found on our website at [www.comgirlscouts.org](http://www.comgirlscouts.org) along with the brief quiz.

**Optional:** Attend a brainstorming session with a member of the Gold Award Review Committee. This is a great way to vet your ideas and determine if you are on the right track.

**Required:** Set up your Go Gold Account at [gogold@girlscouts.org](mailto:gogold@girlscouts.org) and complete/submit proposal. If for some reason you cannot input your information in the Go Gold site, contact us at [HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org) and we will assist you. After you upload your project proposal, you will either be asked to complete additional information or be contacted to schedule your review.

**Required:** Attend a review session with the Gold Award Review Committee.

**Required:** Complete the Project.

**Required:** Complete the final report in the Go Gold site. After you submit your final report, you will either be contacted for additional information or receive a congratulatory email followed by a letter. In addition, we will ask you for important information such as do you want to receive your pin now or at a larger ceremony recognizing all Gold Award Girls.

**What comes next:** Host a celebration with your family and friends. Be sure to thank your support team. You will be notified of any additional opportunities for Gold Award Girls such as celebratory events or scholarship opportunities. You will forever hold the distinction of being a Gold Award Girl Scout.

If at any point you need additional support, please contact [HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:HighestAwards@comgirlscouts.org).