



# Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal



Girl Scouts of Rhode Island  
 125 Charles St, Providence, RI 02904  
 Attention: Hlee Kue

Submit the original completed form to your council a minimum of 4 weeks prior to starting your project. **Do not begin project until you have received council approval.** Make copies for yourself and your Girl Scout Gold Award project advisor. **Type or print in black ink.** The **Gold Award Final Report** form and the **Time Log** must be received by GSRI by 9/30 of the year you graduate high school. We recommend that you submit your final report no later than 8/1 of that year. This will allow you to make revisions or answer any questions the committee may have.

## Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ *(must have expertise with project topic)*

Project Advisor's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor's Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisites:** Two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or one Journey and the Girl Scout Silver Award. List two Journeys that you have completed along with your troop/group volunteer's signature.

Senior/Ambassador Journey Books	Date Completed	Troop/Group Volunteer's Signature
1.		
2.		

<b>Girl Scout Silver Award Completion Date</b>	Title: Completion date: Council:
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**Your Team:** List the names of individuals and organizations whom you plan to work with on your Take Action project. This is a preliminary list that may grow through the course of your project.

Your Team Members	Affiliation	Role

# MONEY/DONATIONS and Your Project

One of the challenges facing every girl going for the Gold+ is financial. Often, when the planning gets serious, adjustments have to be made. On the one hand you are asked to meet a need in your community; on the other hand, you have some major constraints outlined in *Safety-Wise* and by your council. So what's a girl to do?

OK. The reality first. Then some possible ways to approach it. Think of those who have gone before you. They figured it out, and so can you! Then clear the adjustments you have made in your plan with your Girl Scout council.

- 1. You can't ask for money as a girl member of Girl Scouts. You can't ask for materials or services (technically called gifts-in-kind) either.** This asking is considered fundraising by the IRS and Girl Scout policies . and for a lot of reasons (legal and otherwise), adults are the only people who can raise money for Girl Scouting.

**What you can do:** Since adults can solicit money, work with an adult partner if you really need to get a donation of materials or need some funds. You **can** describe your project to others, write a letter, create a PowerPoint presentation or write the grant, but an adult has to do the actual ask and sign on the dotted line. And don't forget to clear the solicitation with your council. No way around it.

- 2. You can't raise money for another organization as a Girl Scout.** That means you can't have a bake sale and tell people that you are giving the proceeds to a homeless shelter for meals, you can't ask for pledges for a walk-a-thon to benefit breast cancer research, and you can't hold a benefit dance to raise money for Sally's kidney operation.

**What you can do:** This is where it gets a bit tricky. Your troop/group **can** hold a bake sale or birdhouse sale and can charge a fee to an approved event that you put on to earn money **for your troop/group's activities**. However, **your troop/group must have council permission for any money-earning activity**. **Your troop/group may then decide to use that money toward** the completion of a Girl Scout Gold Award Project, such as the purchase of materials. It must be a troop/group decision on how to allocate the funds, which can be used for group or individual projects.

If you are an individually registered member, things are slightly different. You cannot earn money as an individual Girl Scout for yourself. The money you earn must go to an account held by a group (troop/group, service unit, or your council). Next, you must present your need for funds to that group. There is no guarantee that you will get back the amount of money you earned for the group, as the dispersal of funds will be a group decision. We suggest you first check with your council about the options open.

**Take Action Project:** Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Describe your project. Who will it benefit? Remember your 15-second pitch.

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B. Discuss your reasons for selecting this project.

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C. Outline the strengths, talents, and skills that you plan to put into action. What other skills do you hope to develop?

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D. Describe the steps involved in putting your plan into action, including resources, facilities, equipment, and approvals needed. (Attach a detailed project plan.)

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E. Enter the names of people or organizations you plan to inform and involve.

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F. Estimate overall project expenses and how you plan to meet these costs. (Make sure you are aware of money/donation policies)

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G. What methods or tools will you use to evaluate/measure the impact of your project?

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H. What plans will you make to ensure sustainability? (i.e. by someone other than yourself)

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I. Describe how you plan to tell others about your project, the project's impact, and what you have learned (Web site, blog, presentations, posters, videos, articles, and so on).

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Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

