

SEEKING THE SILVER

SILVER AWARD APPLICANT INFORMATION



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Dear Cadette Girl Scout:

Congratulations on your decision to earn the second highest award in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Enclosed you will find the information and forms necessary to earn the Silver Award. Please note that your completed Silver Award Final Report and Log Sheet should be sent to the Council within 30 days of completing your Silver Award project.

The contents of this packet and the SEEKING THE SILVER Learning Opportunity are intended to help you better understand the Silver Award process.

Each spring, Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons hosts an Annual District Recognition Event where young women, like you, who have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award, will be honored.

In order to facilitate preparations for the District Recognition Event, your Silver Award Final Report must be turned into the Council by February 1st. If your report and log sheet arrive after February 1st, your Silver Award will be presented the following year at the Recognition Event.

Your desire to pursue the Girl Scout Silver Award demonstrates your commitment to yourself, your world and your future. We thank you for using your skills to make the world a better place. Good Luck!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

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IT'S A FACT!

- You may work on the Girl Scout Silver Award only as a registered Girl Scout. To begin work on STEPS 1-4 of your Silver Award you must be age 11-14 or in grades 6-9. To start work on STEPS 5-6 you must be 12-14 or in grades 7-9. You must complete STEPS 5 and 6 by age 14 or the start of the 10th grade.
- The requirements for the Silver Award are found in the STUDIO 2B “GO FOR IT” insert and on the GSUSA website.
- Silver Award Project ideas can be found in a variety of places. Check with the Council, ask at Girl Scout Leader meeting(s), read your local newspaper, or surf the web (Girl Scouts – Silver Award will bring up lots of sites to look over).
- The Silver Award process puts into action your personal strengths, talents and resources.
- The Silver Award Project could focus on the arts, environment, literacy, science, technology, etc.
- Do not limit your possibilities!
- The Silver Award has six steps, each step building on each other to take you to the final project.
- The first 4 requirements may be done in any order, but must be completed BEFORE you work on the fifth and sixth requirement, the Silver Award Project.
- The project, including planning and execution, should take a minimum of 40 hours.

The Silver Award project can be done within Girl Scouting, but you must reach out to the community in some way – through resources used or contacts/relationships built with girls outside of Girl Scouting.

SILVER AWARD REQUIREMENTS

(Based on Council Guide for the Girl Scout Silver Award c. 2006)

The Girl Scout Silver Award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. The Silver Award has 6 steps. They are:



1. ORGANIZE – GET READY

Read Go for It! The Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B insert.
Meet with advisor and develop a timeline for STEPS 2-4.
Make an agreement with an adult advisor.

2. LEAD – Earn the Girl Scout Silver Leadership (charm)

Earn three Interest Project Awards found in the Interest Projects for Girls 11-17.

The interest projects should be related to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Earn the STUDIO 2B Focus: uniquely me! The Real Deal charm

Spend 15 hours in a leadership role.



3. NETWORK – Earn the Girl Scout Silver Career Award (charm)

What's Out There?

Who's Out there?

Be Your Own Boss – Earn “Your Own Business” Interest Project Award.

4. CREATE – Earn the Girl Scout Silver 4B's challenge Charm.

BECOME - celebrate yourself to day and become your best self in the future.

BELONG – be part of a group where you have fun, relate to others with respect, develop friendships.

BELIEVE – develop your ideas and voice what's important to you.

BUILD – take action on what you care about and make a difference.

“Note: Planning hours for the Silver 4Bs Challenge may be applied to the Girl Scout Silver Award hours in STEP 5.”



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5. **ACT** – Earn your Girl Scout Silver Award.

Plan It – what is the problem?

Know More About It – collect information about it.

Choose It – what do I know?

Map It – steps, timeline and budget.

Adjust It – make changes when you need to.

Do It! – put your plan into action.

- Your Silver Project should take approximately 40 hours to complete (including planning time).
- It should also provide community service, but can be done inside or outside of Girl Scouting.
- The project needs approval of a leader or advisor.
- Permission for any money earning related to project must be obtained from the Girl Scout Council.

6. **REFLECT** – Think about it.

Evaluate your project with your advisor. Ask yourself these questions?

What could you do differently?

What did you learn?

How did it impact you?

How did I leave my mark?

Could I have avoided some problems that sprang up?

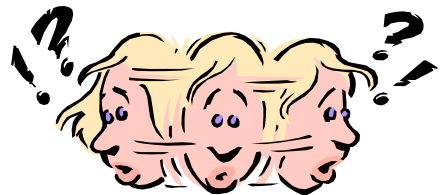
Submit the Girl Scout Silver Award final report to the council
no more than 30 days after completion.

The logo consists of the words "WAY TO GO!" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Each letter has a red outline, giving it a 3D or shadowed appearance. The exclamation point is also blue with a red outline.

IDEA WORKSHEET



- Project Idea:
- Who would be involved?
- Are there community agencies that would need to be contacted? If so, who? Do I know who the contact person is?
- Who will help me with the project? What will they do?
- Is there a specific time of year this project would need to be done? If so, when? If not, when would I like to start and complete the project?
- Will there be expenses associated with the project? If so, where will the funds come from? Can supplies be donated? From who? Can I borrow supplies/equipment? From who?
- What problems could I anticipate?
- Other information I need to know:





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Please fill out using a word-processing program, type, or print in black ink. Make copies for your Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor and for yourself to keep. Turn the original into the Council within 30 days of completing the Silver Award Project.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Troop/Group Advisor: _____ Troop/Group Number: _____

Troop/Group Advisor's Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

*Please submit a head and shoulders photo, no larger than the square on the right.
This will be used for Girl Scout publications.*

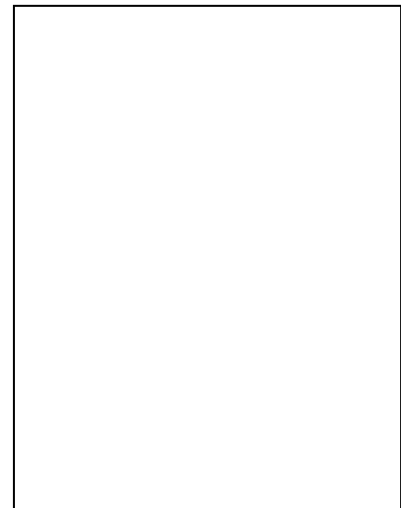
PHOTO CONSENT

*I hereby consent that this photograph may
be used by Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons
and/or Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.*

Girl Scout's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



STEP 1: GET READY

Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor: _____

Project Advisor's Phone: (____) _____ Project Advisor's email: _____

Attach copy of timeline developed by you and your advisor.

STEP 2: GIRL SCOUT SILVER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Activities	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
1. Earn It:		
IP:		
IP:		
IP:		
2. Believe It: STUDIO 2B Focus book: <i>uniquely me! The Real Deal</i>		
3. Lead It: (15 hours) Describe:		

STEP 3: GIRL SCOUT SILVER CAREER AWARD

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
What's out there?		
Who's out there?		
Your Own Business Interest Project Award		

STEP 4: GIRL SCOUT SILVER 4Bs AWARD

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
1. Become:		
2. Belong: STUDIO 2B Focus Book: <i>Looking In, Reaching Out</i>		
3. Believe Issue: How did you use your voice?		
4. Build: Describe your solution:		



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STEP 5: GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT

Title of Project: _____

Start date: _____ Completion date: _____

- A. Describe the issue your project addressed, what you achieved, and who benefited.
- B. Discuss the reasons for selecting this project.
- C. Outline your strengths, talents, and skills that you put into action.
- D. Describe the steps involved for putting your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment needed. (You can attach project plan.)
- E. Indicate methods and/or tools utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of your project?
- F. List the consultants and resources you used.
- G. Overall project expenses and how you met these costs (attach copy of budget sheet from your record book).

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Project Advisor's Signature: _____

ACTIONS:	DATE:
Approved by Girl Scout Project Advisor:	
Awarded Girl Scout Silver Award:	

Turn in this Hour Log with the Final Report when the project has been completed.