

# Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

## Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, at a Glance

AWARDS	<b>GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD®</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD®</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD®</b>
<b>GRADE</b>	Girls must be in <b>4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade</b> and a registered Girl Scout Junior	Girls must be in <b>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade</b> and a registered Girl Scout Cadette	Girls must be in <b>9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade</b> and a registered Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador
<b>OVERVIEW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete a Junior Journey</li> <li>✓ Be part of a troop or group where girls take the lead</li> <li>✓ Take action on a community issue the troop or group cares about</li> <li>✓ Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer</li> <li>✓ *Council approval needed for any money earning</li> <li>✓ The Girl Scout Bronze Award is a team experience for Junior Girl Scouts. If the girl is not part of a troop, and there are no Girl Scouts in her neighborhood, she can connect with other girls her age, including non-Girl Scouts, who may want to be part of her project team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete a Cadette Journey</li> <li>✓ Work as an individual or in a small group where girls take the lead</li> <li>✓ Take action on a community issue that the girls care about</li> <li>✓ Help and guidance provided by troop/group volunteer</li> <li>✓ *Council approval needed for any money earning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador) <b>or</b> Earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey</li> <li>✓ Individually girl led; girl selects and recruits Project Advisor</li> <li>✓ Take action on a community issue the girl cares about</li> <li>✓ Help and guidance provided by Project Advisor</li> <li>✓ *Council approval needed for any money earning</li> <li>✓ <b>*The Girl Scout Gold Award project is an individual project; not a group project.</b></li> </ul>
<b>PROJECT HOURS</b>	<p>The suggested minimum hours to complete the steps to the Girl Scout Bronze Award is 20 hours for each girl to build her team, explore her community, choose and plan the project, put the plan in motion, and spread the word to educate and inspire others.</p> <p>*These suggested hours are a guide, not a rule. Not all projects will require the same length of time to complete, from planning to sharing and celebration. The time it takes to earn the award will depend on the nature of the project, the size of the team, and the support of the community. Quality projects should be emphasized over quantity of hours.</p>	<p>In addition to these requirements, the suggested minimum hours to complete the steps to the Girl Scout Silver Award are 50 hours for each Cadette on the team.</p> <p>*These suggested hours are a guide, not a rule. Not all projects will require the same length of time to complete, from planning to sharing and celebration. The time it takes to earn the award will depend on the nature of the project, the size of the team (no more than 3-4 girls), and the support of the community. Quality projects should be emphasized over quantity of hours.</p>	<p>In addition to these requirements, the suggested minimum hours to complete the steps to the Girl Scout Gold Award are 80 hours.</p> <p>* These suggested hours are a guide, no a rule. Not all projects will require the same length of time to complete, from planning to sharing and celebration. The time it takes to earn the award will depend on the nature of the project, the size of the support team, and support of the community. Quality projects should be emphasized over quantity of hours.</p>
<b>TAKE ACTION PROJECT</b>	<p>Group Take Action Project focuses on something the girls care about that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community.</p> <p>Puts the Promise and Law into action</p>	<p>Individual or group Take Action Project that makes the local neighborhood or community better.</p> <p>Puts the Promise and Law into action</p>	<p>Individual Take Action Project that makes a lasting difference in the local community, region, or beyond.</p> <p>Puts the Promise and Law into action</p>
<b>SUSTAINABLE</b>	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of sustainability by talking together about how solutions can be lasting.	Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation.	Take Action Project includes provisions to ensure sustainability.

<b>GLOBAL</b>	After the project is complete, girls develop an understanding of the wider world by talking together about how others may experience the same problem that their project helped resolve.	Girls connect with new friends outside their immediate community, learn how others have solved similar problems and determine if the ideas of others can help with their plan.	Girls identify national and/or global links to their selected issue. They learn from others and develop a plan to share the results of their project beyond the local community.
<b>AWARD WORKSHOPS</b>	Troop/Group volunteer is strongly encouraged to attend GSCI Award Workshops <a href="#">“insert link to dates”</a>	Troop/Group volunteer who will approve Girl Scout Silver Award is required to attend a GSCI Award Workshop. <a href="#">“insert link to dates”</a> Girls are also encouraged to attend.	Troop/Group volunteers and girls are strongly encouraged to attend a GSCI Award Workshop. <a href="#">“insert link to dates”</a>
<b>PROJECT APPROVAL</b>	Troop/Group Volunteer	Troop/Group Advisor *Must attend GSCI Silver Award workshop in order to approve.	GSCI Gold Award Committee
<b>RESOURCES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Journey</li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Bronze Award Troop/Group Advisor Guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Bronze Award Girl Guidelines and Toolkit</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Bronze Award Final Report</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cadette Journey</li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Silver Award Troop/Group Advisor Guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Silver Award Girl Guidelines and Toolkit</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Silver Award Final Report</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior and/or Ambassador Journeys</li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Gold Award Troop Advisor/Project Advisor Guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Gold Award Girl Guidelines and Toolkit</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GSCI Gold Award Project Proposal</a></li> </ul>

\*Adhere to guidelines in the Volunteer Packet and *Safety-Wise*

**TRANSITION** – THERE IS A 2 YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD. THESE GUIDELINES BECOME OFFICIAL IN OCTOBER 2011 (BEGINNING OF 2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). GSCI WILL BEGIN USING THE NEW GUIDELINES STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2010

### **GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS**

THE COUNCIL PROVIDES STAFF SUPPORT, RESOURCES, LEARNING WORKSHOPS([INSERT LINK](#)), AND PROMOTION FOR GIRLS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE WORKING AND ADVISING GIRLS WHILE WORKING ON THEIR LEADERSHIP PROJECTS.