

**girl scouts**  
of texas oklahoma plains  
**Girl Scout Silver Award**  
Highest Award for Girl Scout Cadettes



The Silver Award is the highest award that can be earned by a Girl Scout Cadette. Girls must be in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and a registered Girl Scout Cadette. It recognizes a girl's efforts in a range of Girl Scout and community experience. The Silver Take Action project puts the Promise and Law into action and makes a local neighborhood or community better. Earning this award puts you among an exceptional group of girls who have used their knowledge and leadership skill to make a difference in the world. The final step is to plan and complete a Take Action project that builds on her accomplishments in Girl Scouting and helps others.

### **Requirements of the Silver Award**

There are eight steps required to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award. Complete information on requirements can be found in the Girl Scout Silver Award Guidelines for Girl Scout Cadettes available at [gs-top.org](http://gs-top.org) website, GSUSA's web site [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org) or at Council regional offices. There is a suggested minimum of 50 hours to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award.

### **Steps**

- Go on a Cadette journey.
- Identify issues you care about.
- Build your Girl Scout Silver Award team, or decide to go solo.
- Explore your community.
- Pick your Take Action project.
- Develop your project.
- Make a plan and put it into motion.
- Reflect, share your story, and celebrate.

## Tips

- Before beginning the work on a final Silver Award project, get approval on the plan from your leader/advisor.
- Read the Silver Award project guidelines before deciding on a project.
- Work closely with a Girl Scout group leader/advisor and project advisor to complete the requirements.
- Follow all national and council guidelines for fund raising.
- Follow all guidelines in *Safety Activity Checkpoints*.
- Document personal work and hours put into the project, whether individual or group.
- Recruit a project advisor with special skills to help with the project.
- Troop/Group Volunteer Guide for adults is available at [gs-top.org](http://gs-top.org) or [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org).
- When the project is completed, submit a **Silver Award Final Report** form to your leader/advisor for approval and leader signature (additional report forms can be downloaded at [www.gs-top.org](http://www.gs-top.org) or at your council regional office).
- When a leader/advisor signs the **Silver Award Final Report**, you have earned the award and are entitled to receive the pin. A leader or parent may purchase the Silver Award pin at any Council shop. (Council staff does not approve projects or final reports).
- Make a copy of your final report for yourself and your leader/advisor. Your leader/advisor will submit the original to your Girl Scout Regional office. In order to receive acknowledgements through Council publications and/or Council and/or Regional events, a Final Report form must be submitted to the appropriate Regional office. Final Reports may be submitted at any time during the year.

## Completing the Award

Leaders or advisors helping with the Silver Award will decide if the girls have fulfilled the requirements and chosen an appropriate project. Girls are not required to have projects approved by their Girl Scout council or anyone other than a leader or the person helping with the Girl Scout activities. However, GS-TOP does require girls to file a Final Report.

**File a Silver Award Project Final Report:** The final step after completing the requirements, is to complete a Final Report, make sure all signatures are complete and submit the final Report to your Regional Girl Scout office. No further documentation is required.

## Recognition

There are many ways in which to recognize the achievement of a Silver Award recipient. The troop may wish to plan a special ceremony or to present the Silver Award at a troop awards or bridging ceremony. Be sure TO notify the Services Unit Manager in your Girl Scout Service Unit so that recognition can be given at a Service Unit meeting or event. Ideas for a ceremony can be found in the Girl Scouts of the USA Ceremonies book. Leaders can purchase the Silver Award pins for girls and present it during a special ceremony. No documentation is required in order to purchase a Silver Award pin.

For questions concerning the Silver Award, please contact the Program Department at your Regional office.

## Girl Scout Silver Award®

Pin the award to the left of the Girl Scout Membership Pin on the vest or uniform blouse.



## Girl Scout Cadette Silver Award Final Report Form

*Note: Each girl in troop must submit individual report for group projects*

Please type or print in black ink.

Make one copy for your troop/group advisor and one copy for yourself.

### Personal Data

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 1: Go on a Girl Scout Cadette Journey

A. Cadette Journey Earned	Date Completed	Leader/Advisor Signature

### Step 2: What were the issues that concerned you?

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### Step 3: Build Your Girl Scout Silver Award Team

List Team Members	
	Leader/Advisor Signature

**Step 4: Explore your Community: List Community needs you observed**

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**Step 5: List your Community Contacts:**

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**Step 6: Girl Scout Silver Award Take Action Project:**

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Briefly describe your plan and your reasons for selecting this Take Action project. This paragraph should include details on what, where, for whom, and how and why.

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- B. List the skills, talents, and abilities you put into action.

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- C. How did the team you worked with and the resources you found benefit your Take Action project?

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- D. What was your plan to "Make it Last" for your Take Action project?

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**E. Briefly evaluate your Take Action project.**

a. What did you **discover** about yourself?

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b. How did you **connect** with your local and global communities?

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c. What impact did your **Take Action** project have on your community?

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d. What would you do differently?

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Your Signature

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Date Completed

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Leader/Advisor Signature

Submit original to:

<b>Abilene/Fort Worth/Wichita Falls regions:</b> Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Inc. Program Department 4901 Briarhaven Road Fort Worth, TX 76109	<b>Amarillo region:</b> Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Inc. Program Department 6011 W. 45 <sup>th</sup> Amarillo, TX 79109	<b>Lubbock region:</b> Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Inc. Program Department 2567 74 <sup>th</sup> Street Lubbock, TX 79423
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For Council Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_