May Patch of the Month

Highest Awards

Girl Scouts make a difference.

The Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards are awarded to Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador girls who display leadership while engaging in projects that benefit their communities.

Discover and explore how you can earn the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards and start making a difference today!

Girl Scouts of all ages may participate in this patch program! Follow the instructions for all three sections for your Girl Scout age level(s) to earn this month’s patch!

Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Volunteer and Gold Award Committee Member, Terri Sanders, encourages you to participate in our Patch of the Month for May, Highest Awards! Ready to get started? Watch her video here.
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The Golden Eaglet Award was the highest rank of Girl Scouting from 1919 through 1939. Juliette Gordon Low, wrote in November 1923: “The five requirements for winning the Golden Eaglet are character, health, handicraft, happiness and service, and that others will expect to find in our Golden Eaglet a perfect specimen of girlhood: mentally, morally, and physically.” Watch the Golden Eaglet video. Take photo of yourself recreating a scene from the film.

Create your own inspiration board about making the world a better place.

The foundation of the entire Girl Scout organization is based on the Promise and Law. When you work on a higher award, you put the Promise and Law into Action! Choose one line of the Girl Scout law and talk about it with your family. Come up with three ways you can follow that part of the Girl Scout Law at home—then practice doing those things!

### Girl Scout Promise
*On my honor, I will try:*
- To serve God and my country,
- To help people at all times,
- And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

### Girl Scout Law
*I will do my best to be*
*honest and fair,*
*friendly and helpful,*
*considerate and caring,*
*courageous and strong,* and
*responsible for what I say and do,*
*and to*
*respect myself and others,*
*respect authority,*
*use resources wisely,*
*make the world a better place,* and
*be a sister to every Girl Scout.*
Even seemingly small actions can make a big impact.
Play a game and start asking questions and connect with the world around you.

20 Questions Game
The rules of 20 Questions are simple. Have a family member or friend choose an object. It can be anything – a person, place, or thing. Then, have the Girl Scout ask questions and trying to determine what that object is. The limit is twenty questions (hence the name), and those include the final guesses. (E.g. Is it the Sydney Opera House?) If the Girl Scout guesses the object correctly, they win the round. If not, the person who chose the object wins.

Mother May I
Get outside for some fresh air and play Mother May I – another fun game to get Girl Scouts to practice questions. One person will play the “mother” who gives permission to move to the other players. She stands alone at one end of the playing area. The other players start shoulder to shoulder in a line facing her. These players take turns asking Mother if they may take a certain number and a certain type of step toward her. “Mother, may I take three giant steps?” Some classic steps are giant steps, scissor steps, baby steps, karate steps, and jump steps, but your students can be creative and come up with their own types of steps. The mother gives permission, or not, according to her whim (but no playing favorites). Play continues until someone is close enough to touch the mother. When that happens, the round is over and that person is the mother for the next round.

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Service projects make the world a better place right now. Whether you engage in a short-term community service project, like collecting toys for kids who live in shelters, or a long-term or recurring
Juniors

Working as a team, 4th and 5th grade Girl Scouts earn the Bronze Award by exploring and addressing a community issue that’s important to them.

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To be successful in completing the Bronze Award, you must identify your strengths and skills to select a Take Action Project. On a piece of paper or poster board, write down your traits and interests (animal lover, likes to read, cares of others, eats healthy, enjoys science, etc.). Then, talk to your friends and family to investigate what others think believe are your strengths and skills.

Find one example of a Bronze Award project. Check out some project ideas here. If you were going to recreate that project, what would you do to make it relevant and impactful in our community? Talk about your ideas with a friend, your troop, or your family.

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Spot the Difference Game – Build creativity with this spot the difference activity. Grab a camera, and a few supplies and create a fun one of a kind spot the difference game! (Instructions on the following page.)

Create your own inspiration board making the world a better place.

Discover how you can earn the Bronze Award by completing a scavenger hunt! (Instructions on the following page.)
Spot the Difference Game

Grab a camera, and a few supplies and create a fun one of a kind spot the difference game!

To start, decide on a space to create your game. Places like closets, crowded tables, and toy boxes are a great place to create a find a difference game. The more items in the photo the more challenging the game will be. Locations for a Spot the Difference Game

- Junk Drawer
- Pantry
- Bookshelf
- Game Carts
- Desk

Once you decide on a place, take a photo. You will want to prop up a camera or phone using a tripod, table or chair so that the camera does not move after you take the picture.

Next, remove or add some items from the space. You will want to make six to ten changes. Write down the changes, so you do not forget. Without moving the camera take another picture. It is important that the camera be in the same position when you take both photos. You want two identical pictures with the exception of the items that have been removed. After you a have taken the two pictures, send them into be developed or print them from a computer. If using your phone, swipe back and forth to view each picture.

Now you can challenge others to find the differences!

Bronze Award Scavenger Hunt

Use the [Highest Awards at a Glance](#) and the [Bronze Award guidelines](#) to complete the scavenger hunt!

1. What is the first requirement for earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award?
2. List 4-5 questions that you should ask to help you think through your plan before you get started on your project.
3. Can your project raise money for another organization?
4. Who approves your project idea?
5. How many suggested hours do you need to complete while doing your project?
6. Can your project benefit the council?
7. Where do you submit your final report?

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To be successful in completing the Silver Award, you must identify your strengths and skills to select a
Take Action Project. On a piece of paper or poster board, write down your traits and interests (animal
lover, likes to read, cares of others, eats healthy, enjoys science, etc.). Then, talk to your friends and
family to investigate what others think believe are your strengths and skills.

Find one example of a Silver Award project. Check out some project ideas here. If you were going to
recreate that project, what would you do to make it relevant and impactful in our community? Talk
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Complete at least 3 activities from the My County Works: A County Government Activity Book to
learn more about counties’ vast responsibilities and the important role counties play in our lives every
day.

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following page).
Silver Award Scavenger Hunt

Use the [Highest Awards at a Glance](#) and the [Silver Award guidelines](#) to complete the scavenger hunt!

1. What is the first requirement for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award?
2. Who approves your project idea?
3. How many suggested hours do you need to complete while doing your project?
4. Can your project raise money for another organization?
5. Can your project benefit the council?
6. Describe the kind of connection your project should make to the bigger world.
7. Why is it important for your Take Action project to be sustainable?

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Attend an online Silver or Gold Award Training. Dates are found on the GSK Activities Calendar.

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Investigate organizations and public figures who are changing the world. Make a list of at least five organizations that you might like to work with on a future Take Action project.
Seniors and Ambassadors

Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take “make the world a better place” to the next level. To earn the Gold Award, high school Girl Scouts research the root cause of a community issue they are passionate about, then lead a team to tackle it, by planning and implementing a project that has tangible and lasting impact on their communities and beyond. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable—proof that not only she can make a difference, but that she already has.

Gold Award Girl Scout®

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See examples of girls changing the world [here](#).

Learn the Five Elements of a Successful Gold Award [here](#). Think about a place you’d like to visit or live and look up a Gold Award project from that area. Read the project description on the map. If you want more information, see if you can find any newspaper articles that relate to that Gold Award project.

Ask a Gold Award Girl Scout: How do I choose an issue? Find out [here](#).

Ask a Gold Award Girl Scouts: How do I develop a realistic project? Find out [here](#).

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**Gold Award Scavenger Hunt**

Use the [Highest Awards at a Glance](#) and the [Gold Award Road Map](#) to complete the scavenger hunt!

1. **What is the first requirement for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award?**
2. **Describe the meaning of Root Cause.**
3. **Who approves your project idea?**
4. **How many suggested hours do you need to complete while doing your project?**
5. **Can your project raise money for another organization?**
6. **Can your project benefit the council?**
7. **Describe the importance of the National/Global Link.**
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