



EARNING THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD®

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

- The “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B* insert guides girl through progressive leadership process. Girls keep records and journal in the STUDIO 2B Basics binder.
- Girls may work as a group on a Girl Scout Silver Award; each girl must have a distinct part and put in the hours required.
- The project can be done in or outside of Girl Scouting and must reflect some aspect of community service. If the project is done within Girl Scouting, a girl must reach out to the community in some way.
- It would be great if Overseas Committees can help expand girls’ world by building a team of Girl Scout Silver Award project advisors.
- There are six STEPS to completing the Girl Scout Silver Award:
 - The first four steps must be completed before STEPS 5 and 6 of the Girl Scout Silver Award project are undertaken.
- A girl must be 11 or going into the sixth grade to begin work on steps 1-4 of her Girl Scout Silver Award. She must be 12 or going into the 7th grade to start work on STEPS 5 and 6, the Girl Scout Silver Award project. She must complete STEPS 5 and 6 by age 14 or before the start of grade 9.
- Accomplishments prior to age 11 or going into sixth grade cannot be used toward the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- OCMT approval must be given for any money earning and gift in kind solicitation activities (by adults) associated with the Girl Scout Silver Award project.
- A girl and her advisor must work with the OCMT on any project that might impact Girl Scouting or Girl Scout property.
- The Girl Scout Silver Award project must meet *Safety-Wise* guidelines.

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD© ADMINISTRATION

- System in place for honoring Girl Scout Silver Award recipients: OCMT and troop
- System in place for maintaining records at the Overseas Committee level
- Girls must contract with their advisor and/or project advisor. Contract is in the “Go for It” insert:
 - The Girl Scout Silver Award is approved by the project advisor. The Troop Advisor should be aware and involved in the process.
 - The Girl Scout Silver Award project proposal **is not sent** to USASGO-NA for approval.
 - **The OCMT is not involved in the approval process.** However the Troop Consultant may be contacted for information and support if required.

STEP 1: BUILD A FRAMEWORK

- Read “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B insert
- Meet with Troop Advisor and/or project advisor and develop a timeline for steps 2-4

STEP 2: GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD© (charm)

- Leadership Award focuses on learning to live specific aspects of the Girl Scout Promise and Law through earning Interest Project Awards and the *uniquely Me! The Real Deal Focus Book* charm, and then putting leadership into action.
- Earn three Interest Project Awards found in Interest Projects for Girl Scouts 11-17 related to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- STUDIO 2B Focus book and charm: *uniquely me! The Real Deal*
- Put leadership into action: 15 hours in a leadership role
- Use “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B insert to keep records and journal for discussion and evaluation with advisor.

STEP 3: 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 from Interest Projects for Girl Scouts 11-17
- Use “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B insert to “journal it” for discussion and evaluation with advisor.

STEP 4: THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD© 4 B's CHALLENGE (charm)

- This Challenge focuses on “become, belong, believe and build,” the Girl Scout Program Goals in teen-friendly language, and how activities relate to these concepts and the Girl Scout Promise and Law. The challenge is meant to lead a girl to a relevant Girl Scout Silver Award Project. Use Girl Scout Silver advisor contract if contracting at this step.
- Become: Set goals for self-improvement.
- Belong: Earn the charm from STUDIO 2B Focus: Looking in, Reaching Out.
- Believe: Identify an issue in school or community that you feel strongly about. Find out more about it. Use your voice to address it.
- Build: Focus on coming up with a solution to address a problem.
- Use “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B insert to keep records and journal for discussion and evaluation with advisor.

Note: Planning hours for Silver 4B's Challenge may be applied to the Girl Scout Silver Award hours in STEP 5.

STEP 5: THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD© PROJECT

- Plan it. Work with your advisor — your troop advisor or a Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor recruited to help you with the project because of her expertise. Planning and action steps should take a minimum of 40 hours. Use “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B insert to keep records and journal for discussion and evaluation with advisor.
- Know more about it — research information on it.
- Choose it — brainstorm ways to solve a problem, create a budget.
- Map It — create a timeline of project steps and list of resources needed. Get feedback from council, if necessary — like approval of any money earning or gift in kind plans related to the project or work that might affect the Girl Scout organization or property.
- Adjust plans if necessary
- Do it! Put plans into action.

STEP 6: THINK ABOUT IT

- Submit Girl *Scout Silver Award Final Report* to your troop and/or project advisor. Use it as an evaluation guideline.

Optional: Evaluate with Girl Scout Silver Award Advisor using “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD© RESOURCES:

- “Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award STUDIO 2B insert
- Interest Projects for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts/ Interest Projects for Girl Scouts 11-17 (2004)
- STUDIO 2 B Focus Books, especially uniquely Me! The Real Deal and Looking in, Reaching Out
- The STUDIO 2B Guide for Advisors