



# The Girl Scout Silver Award



## Guidelines for Girl Scout Cadettes

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys

## Girl Scout Silver Award – Getting Started!

Have you ever looked around you and wondered how you could make a change for the better? Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn—allows you to show that you are a leader who is dedicated to improving your community. Earning the award puts you among an exceptional group of girls who have used their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference in the world.

Here are the steps you'll take to earn your Girl Scout Silver Award:

1. Go on a Cadette leadership journey. This includes completing all of the steps for the journey awards and completion of the Take Action project.
2. Identify issues you care about (beyond the Girl Scout community).
3. Build your Girl Scout Silver Award team (4 girl max) or decide to go solo.
4. Explore your community.
5. Choose your Silver Award project based on your interests and community need.
6. Develop your project. Address the root cause of a community issue in a unique & sustainable way. Display active leadership by involving others in your efforts.
7. Make a plan and submit your project proposal.
8. Put your project into motion.
9. Reflect, share your story, and celebrate.

Once you complete your Cadette leadership journey, the required minimum time for earning your Girl Scout Silver Award is 50 hours. You can start by planning out what you need to do for each Girl Scout Silver Award step.

As a Girl Scout, you are committed to doing your very best with each step, but how much time per step is different for every Girl Scout. Remember, too, that the hours include the fun and challenges you'll share with your Silver Award team. Each step you take toward making a difference in the world around you gives you a great chance to learn and grow, and that will make your award project an amazing one!

If you need assistance at any point in the process, please contact River Valleys' Girl Program Department at: [silveraward@girlscoutsrv.org](mailto:silveraward@girlscoutsrv.org). We would be happy to answer any questions you may have, discuss potential project ideas, or work through any concerns.

## Step 1: Go on a Cadette leadership journey

The first requirement for earning your Girl Scout Silver Award is completing one Cadette leadership journey. Choose *It's Your World—Change It!*, *It's Your Planet—Love It!*, or *It's Your Story—Tell It!*. This important step helps you build the skills you need to take on your award project and understand how to show leadership through the discover, connect, and take action keys. **You must complete all of the steps for the journey awards and a Take Action project to meet this requirement.**

Once you've finished your leadership journey, celebrate your accomplishment and get ready to move forward toward your goal: earning a Girl Scout Silver Award! (**Tip:** Keep your leadership journey handy as you work toward your award—you might find yourself going back to it for ideas.)

**Note:** After completing Step 1, you may begin to count your hours to go towards your Silver Award project.

## Step 2: Identify Issues You Care About

To solve any problem, you must first identify it. Start by asking yourself what matters most to you.

- Do you find yourself reading articles about endangered species?
- Do you worry about where homeless children sleep at night?
- Do you wish that younger students had a cheerful place to stay after school while waiting for their parents to pick them up?

If so, what connections can you make between the issues that you care about and the issues in your own community? Note: at the Silver Award level, the issue that you address should lie outside of the Girl Scout community.

Start by jotting down some issues that concern you in the following Issues Chart. You're not choosing your project yet, just tuning in to the topics you care about.

## Issues Chart

Issue that concerns You	Why Is it Important to You?	How Does this Issue Affect Your Community?

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

There are two ways to earn your Girl Scout Silver Award: You can choose to work with a team of up to 3 other girls, or you can create and implement your own project.

- Small team model:** The girls you work with can be Girl Scouts, non-Girl Scouts, or a combination of both. If the other Girl Scout Cadettes on your team also wish to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award, each girl must play an active role in choosing, planning, developing, and completing the team's project. No more than 4 Girl Scouts can work on the same Girl Scout Silver Award project. In order to develop your leadership skills, it is very important for each girl to have her own role and responsibility in the project. Each girl must also submit individual paperwork in her own words. Keeping your team small ensures that everyone can participate fully. You and your team will also partner with others in the community to complete your project.
- Solo model:** You can create and implement a project on your own. If you choose the solo option, you will still want to partner with others in your community (friends, neighbors, and business owners) in order to earn your award. After all, leaders like you know how to team up with others, even when they're in charge.

If you've decided to work independently, you can skip to Step 3. If you're working with other Girl Scout Cadettes who also wish to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award, use the following tips to create a great team.

Build a team whose members all commit to:

- Respecting different points of view and ways of work
- Contributing to the project—everyone needs to help out!
- Accepting constructive suggestions
- Working together to create and develop a plan
- Resolving conflicts
- Submit individual paperwork in her own words within the agreed upon timeline
- Living by the Girl Scout Law

Team members don't always agree, but leaders know how to help others get along. When disagreements arise, remember:

- To be considerate and respectful of your fellow teammates
- To be a sister to every Girl Scout on your team
- That cooperation is very important when working with others

After you've built your team, hold your first meeting! If you don't know each other well—or even if you do! —play a team game to get better acquainted. Spend some time discussing what makes a great team and how you'd like your team to work together. Write everyone's suggestions on a large piece of paper and post that paper on the wall every time you have team meetings. Before the end of your first meeting, discuss how often you want to get together and where you'll meet.

## Step 4: Explore Your Community

Now that you have begun to think about issues that concern you, it's time to do some exploring to find out what your community needs are and where your areas of interest and the community needs may overlap.

Communities are groups of people who have something in common. You belong to many communities: Your school is a community, for example. So is your math class or your debate team. Even kids who ride the same bus every day are a community. Other communities include your neighborhood, your place of worship, your town, and so on. Think about what communities you belong to.

**Note:** Although Girl Scouts is certainly a community to which you and your sister Girl Scouts belong, Girl Scout Silver Award projects must address an issue or meet a need outside of the Girl Scout community. This is your opportunity to take action and make the wider community a better place.

After you've listed your communities, think of ways to "map" them. A community map is a drawing that shows the community's needs and resources, including contacts who might help you when you start working on your Silver Award project.

The key to making a community map is observation. Because a community is made up of people, you'll be looking for what people need—that is, what will improve their lives, help them out, or make them happier. To get started, try walking through your school, biking around your neighborhood, or taking a bus ride through your town. During the course of your travels, you'll naturally see different aspects of your community as you shop at stores, gather at your Girl Scout meeting place, go to school, and so on.

You can also visit places (such as the library, town hall, or community center, or your church, synagogue, or mosque) where there are people and resources that can help you identify community needs. You might even attend one or more town meetings to find out what concerns people in your area.

Continue to draw your map by writing down the things you see that could be improved or places where your special talents and skills could be used. (*Tip:* Go back to your leadership journey for more ideas about spotting community needs.) When you meet people who might be able to help you with your project, jot down their names and contact information in the following Community Contact List.

## Community Contact List

Community Contact	Organization	Contact Information	How Can They Help

Now it's time to talk to people to get in-depth information about community issues. As you conduct interviews, you'll improve your communication skills, begin to see how your time and talents can make an impact, and build a network of contacts you may need when you do your Silver Award project.

Start by talking to people you know, such as neighbors or teachers, and then asking them to introduce you to other people in your community, such as business owners, neighbors, teachers or school officials, religious leaders, council members, police officers, local officials, and staff members at community centers.

**Note:** Always be safe when you talk to new people! Discuss safety tips with your troop volunteer and family, and always go with a friend or team member. Also, before going online, remember to take the Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge at [www.girlscouts.org/internet\\_safety\\_pledge.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/internet_safety_pledge.asp). And, of course, never give out your address or any other personal information when you're on the Internet.

When meeting with a community contact, prepare your questions ahead of time so you can use your interview time wisely. Here are some questions to get you started:

- I'm interested in doing a project that will help the community. What are some of the issues affecting our community? Do you know how people have tried to work on these issues in the past? What worked? What didn't work?
- Can you suggest a project I could do to address one of these issues?

## Step 5: Choose Your Silver Award Project

You've come a long way to get to this point! Now that you've thought about the issues you care about and explored your community, it's time to choose a project based on what you've learned.

Before you pick your project:

- Your Girl Scout Silver Award project should address a community issue or meet a community need in a unique, sustainable way. It should also allow you to display active leadership. When you coordinate, lead, educate, and/or inspire other people in your efforts, you are demonstrating active leadership.
- Review your Issues Chart, community map, and interview notes. If you are working with a team, do this together, of course! If you are on your own, pull a few people together (such as your troop volunteer, friends, family, a teacher, and so on) to help you sort through all you have gathered.
- Choose a project based on what matters most to you or where you can create positive change. Remember: address the root cause of a community issue outside of Girl Scouts in a new, sustainable way that allows you to display active leadership. If you have a hard time deciding, write a pro/con list for each choice.
- Many issues are big and complicated—and hard to fix! It might be a good idea to narrow your focus. Pick just one aspect of your issue, and then develop a solution to that specific problem. (Imagine focusing a camera lens in order to get a clear picture. The process of focusing an idea so that it's simple and clear is just like that.)
- Remember, you can always go back to your leadership journey for project ideas and examples.

After you've chosen your project, make sure everyone is clear about what you want to do and why. As a team, answer these questions:

- What is our project?
- Why does it matter?
- Who will it help?

Think about the following:

- Which of your leadership skills do you think you'll use as you work on your Silver Award project?
- How will these skills help you better understand who you are and what you can do?
- How will you live the Girl Scout Promise and Law while earning your Girl Scout Silver Award?

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## Financing Your Project

When designing your Girl Scout Silver Award project, be realistic about planning a budget. Financing your project is a huge part of the process. You will gain great leadership skills by conducting supply drives in your neighborhood, doing council-approved money-earning projects, or finding new ways to serve your community that don't require a lot of cash or fancy supplies. Even though you do not need to submit a budget with your Project Proposal, it will be important to develop an estimated budget to keep track of your expenses.

When planning your Silver Award project, remember:

- Girl Scouts cannot raise money for other organizations
- As a girl member, you cannot personally ask for a donation of items. It is your responsibility to share information about your project and then an adult must ask, on your behalf.
- You must submit follow all money-earning and finance guidelines when carrying out your project.

## Ways to Fund Your Project

### Event Fees

If you are hosting events for your project, you can collect event fees to cover professional services, supplies and food. However, Girl Scout Silver Award Projects cannot make money and excess project money cannot be deposited into a troop or Juliette account.

### Donations

Donations can come in the form of supplies, services, or volunteer time.

### Troop or Juliette Account

You can use money from your troop or Juliette account. The decision to use troop funds for a Girl Scout Silver Award project must be agreed upon by all troop members.

### Cookie Credits

Cookie credits can be used to finance your Girl Scout Silver Award project. Cookie credits redeemed cannot expire before submitting your final report. After your project has been approved and completed, submit cookie credits and your project receipts with your final report. You will receive a reimbursement check through the mail.

### Personal Contribution

You are permitted to make personal contributions to carry out your project. This is a great way to invest in your leadership development.

### Family Contribution

Family members can also make a contribution (up to 25 percent of the project costs). However, we encourage you to work with others to earn the money. That's part of the process. Earning the Silver Award is not meant to be a hardship on a family or individual.

### Money-Earning Activities

Remember to follow all troop money-earning guidelines outlined by River Valleys and in *Safety-Wise*. Girl Scout Silver Award projects *must* comply with all council money-earning guidelines.

### Grants

You may be able to apply for a grant to help you fund your project, but you must first receive approval from River Valleys. Please contact [funddevelopment@girlscoutsrv.org](mailto:funddevelopment@girlscoutsrv.org) if you are interested in applying for a grant. Your Girl Scout Silver Award advisor or another adult has to do the actual ask and sign on the dotted line.

## Step 6: Develop Your Project

Now that you've chosen a project, it's time to make a plan.

### Before You Start

The following questions will help you think through your project before you get started:

- What steps do we need to take to reach our goal?
- What special talents can each girl use to help make the project a success?
- What did we learn when we earned our Girl Scout Cadette leadership journey awards that will help us make sure this project runs smoothly?
- Do we know enough to get started or do we need more background information? Where can we get that information?
- Which groups or organizations can we work with? Who can we ask for help?
- How can we get other people involved?
- What supplies will we need?
- How will we earn money for our project, if necessary? Your troop volunteer can help you come up with money-earning ideas that follow Girl Scout policies as outlined in *Safety-Wise* and River Valleys' Troop Money-Earning Project Approval Form. [http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/forms\\_\\_resources/grants\\_and\\_finance/](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/forms__resources/grants_and_finance/)

You can collect for non-monetary donations. For example, if you want to create a mural, the owner of the local hardware store may give you paint. Remember, however, that as a girl member of Girl Scouts, you cannot solicit donations. Your responsibility would be to talk to the store manager about your project and an adult would do the actual ask for the donation of the paint.

Your time and talents are often more important than money. For example, one girl was worried about food waste at her school. She could have raised money to buy compost bins. Instead, she used her advocacy skills to persuade school and town officials to set up a composting system. So be creative! You may realize you don't need that much money after all.

- How much time do we need to finish our project? Is that timeline realistic?

## Make It Last—Sustainability

You'll be investing a lot of yourself into your project, so of course you'll want to develop it in such a way that it keeps going even after you're done. After all, this is a chance for you to make your mark in your community!

For example, if you think the kids at your local elementary school need more interesting stuff to do at recess, you might plan a week of special activities. But then what? Well, how about planning team games that the fourth-graders can do with the second graders all the time! Your Silver Award project keeps going and going and going. . . .

Remember to keep it simple! A clear, focused, and well-thought-out plan can often be more sustainable than taking on a huge project. Here are some examples of Silver Award projects that will last:

### **Silver Award Project #1**

**Problem:** Kids can't walk to school safely because there aren't any sidewalks.

**Root cause:** Lack of planning when the roads were built

**Solution with long-term impact:** Create a petition asking that a sidewalk be built, get local residents to sign it, and present it to the city council.

**Making the solution sustainable:**

- Once the sidewalk is built, it will be in place for years, offering a safe route for future generations.
- Encourage kids to change their habits and walk by planning a fun event with various safety activities.

### **Silver Award Project #2**

**Problem:** Children in homeless shelters often struggle in school.

**Root cause:** Lack of stability and family resources, both financial and emotional

**Solution with long-term impact:** Work with a local homeless shelter and school to establish an ongoing tutoring program that matches student volunteers with children in the shelter.

**Making the solution sustainable:**

- Work with the school and shelter to find adult staff members who will continue to coordinate the program.
- Establish a transition tradition, such as an end-of-school-year party, where potential new student volunteers can meet current volunteers and people in the homeless shelter.

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## Find a Project Advisor\*

Your project advisor should be an expert who can answer specific questions about your issue. Look at your list of the people you met while researching issues. Is there someone who can serve as a project advisor? If you have not yet met anyone who is familiar with your issue, talk to your troop volunteer. She or he might be able to help you identify experts in your community.

\*Troop volunteers and parents can be project advisors.

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## Make a Global Connection

Think about others who may have worked on the same problem in the past, or check the Internet to see how others around the globe deal with your issue. What can you learn from their approach? Consider how you may be able to extend the reach of your project into other communities besides your own. Are there ways to share your plan with other communities who are facing the same issue? Can you create a plan that other people could use to replicate your project in their own communities?

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## Take One Last Look

By this point, you're probably anxious to get started. But before you get going, take a step back and look at your project one more time. You may need to narrow your focus a bit more or shift your approach slightly in order to make the project work. That's okay! Taking some time to fine-tune your project now will make it easier to actually get it done.

Ask other people for feedback, especially your troop volunteer. She or he will make sure your project idea is complete and meets all the requirements for a Girl Scout Silver Award project.

Even though you've done a lot of work already, remember to be open to new ideas and suggestions. You may need to rethink certain parts of your project idea, but this will help you refine your project and make it better. Once your project idea meets the requirements, you'll be ready to get started!

**Step 7: Make a Plan and Submit Your Project Proposal**

It's time to finalize your Silver Award project plan. Your project needs to involve action by you and your Silver Award Team (if you have one), from the planning stages all the way to earning the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Build a list of what you need to do and how it can be done, and then figure out who will be doing what. Remember that you're a team, so one or more girls can volunteer for each task. Also decide when each task needs to be finished. Then write all the information in a Make a Plan chart like the one that follows, but keep in mind each girl earning the Silver Award must have her own role and responsibility in the project.

**Make a Plan**

<b>What Is the Task?</b>	<b>Who Will Do It?</b>	<b>How Will the Task Be Done?</b>	<b>When Will It Be Done?</b>
<i>Research how a petition is presented to the city council.</i>	<i>Monique</i>	<i>Talk to a council member or the mayor</i>	<i>September 7</i>

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## Submit Project Proposal

Before you begin your Silver Award project, complete the Girl Scout Silver Award Project Proposal Form and submit it to the council for approval. Submit paperwork to the Brooklyn Center Service Center, 5601 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429. Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed to the Girl Program Department. They will have the most current and up-to-date information regarding earning your Silver Award.

**Please allow three weeks for approval and notification.**

### Step 8: Put Your Project Into Motion

After you have received Council approval and your plan is set...do it!

Remember to keep track of your individual hours and project expenses. In addition, you may want to document your project by taking photos, shooting video, or making a scrapbook. Not only will it make it easier to share your story when you are finished, it's lots of fun!

## Step 9: Reflect, Share Your Story, and Celebrate

Congratulations, you have completed a project that makes a difference! Take some time to reflect on what you have accomplished. Complete the final report including reflection questions, time log, and budget. Submit paperwork to the Brooklyn Center Service Center, 5601 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429.

### Final Report Deadlines

In order to be recognized at the Spring Silver and Gold Award Ceremony, you must submit your Girl Scout Silver Award final report by March 1. Final reports submitted after March 1 will be recognized the following year. As a reminder, project proposals are accepted year round. If you are in the eighth grade, you must submit your Girl Scout Silver Award final report by September 30 (the fall of your ninth grade year).

Demonstrating to an audience what you have learned sets the stage for even broader impact, and is sometimes the best way for you to recognize what you have accomplished and see how much you have grown. Here are some ideas for how you can share your story and inspire others to act:

- Create a Web site or blog about what you have learned and how your project will help your community.
- Log on to some Web sites where you can share your story:
  - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts: [www.wagggg.org/en/projects](http://www.wagggg.org/en/projects)
  - Taking it Global: [www.tigweb.org](http://www.tigweb.org)
  - Global Youth Service Day: [www.globalyouthserviceday.org](http://www.globalyouthserviceday.org)
- At a workshop for community members, present what you have learned and what your project will do for the community. Or do a presentation for a group of younger Girl Scouts—you will definitely inspire them!
- Make a video about your project and post it online. Invite friends, community leaders, and people from organizations that are tackling a similar issue to watch and share your video with others.
- Write an essay or an article for your local or school newspaper.

As you wind down your project, remember to thank all the people who helped you along the way, from the people you interviewed to those who drove you around town! Not only is this good manners, but also an inspiration to people when they hear what you've done—and they'll be proud to know they helped make it happen.

Now celebrate your accomplishment! You took the challenge and made a difference in your world!

## Girl Scout Silver Award Project Proposal

Submit this Girl Scout Silver Award project proposal at Step 7, before you begin work on your project. **Make copies of this form and all items submitted for your Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor and for you to keep.**

### Your Information (Please type or print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you:  Phone or  E-mail

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are working on your Girl Scout Silver Award project with other girls, please include their names and troop numbers below.

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Name and Troop #

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Name and Troop #

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Name and Troop #

### Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Girl Scout Silver Award Project

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisites:** Complete one Girl Scout Cadette leadership journey, including all journey awards and the Take Action project. List the journey that you have completed along with your advisor's signature.

Cadette Leadership Journey Book	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
1.		

### Girl Scout Silver Award Project Proposal

Please type your answers to the following questions in paragraph form on a separate piece of paper and attach your answers to this form. Please write clearly.

- A. Describe the community issue your project will address and what you hope to achieve. What are the goals you have for your project?
- B. What are your reasons for selecting this project?
- C. Outline the strengths, talents, and skills that you plan to put into action. What skills do you hope to develop?
- D. Describe the steps involved in putting your plan into action, including resources needed. How will you carry out your project? Explain your project as if you are speaking to someone who needs all the details.
- E. If you are working in a group, what are your individual roles and responsibilities?
- F. How are you going to display active leadership in your project? Remember: active leadership means involving other people in your efforts. How will you lead, coordinate, educate, or inspire other people to make your project happen?
- G. How is your project sustainable? How will it continue after your role is complete?
- H. Describe how you plan to tell others about your project, the project's impact, and what you have learned (Web site, blog, presentations, videos, articles, and so on).

### Girl Scout Signature

I have completed the above items as indicated and have read and understand all the requirements and guidelines for the Girl Scout Silver Award. I have consulted *Safety-Wise*. I am aware of the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report deadline and the consequences of not meeting the deadline. Should any major plans change, I will contact the appropriate council staff.

Girl Scout Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Girl Scout Silver Award Advisor Signature

I have reviewed the above application including the project proposal. I will continue to support this Girl Scout during the completion of her Girl Scout Silver Award project.

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Signature

I recognize that it is the applicant's responsibility to fulfill the requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award, including all deadlines. I understand she must uphold all guidelines specific to her project as outlined in *Safety-Wise*.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail this completed project proposal to:

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys  
 Attn: Girl Scout Silver Award  
 5601 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

## Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report

Final Reports can be submitted in grades 6-8. However, if you would like to be recognized in the Spring Ceremony, final reports must be submitted by March 1. Final reports received after this date will result in the girl being recognized the following year. If you are in the eighth grade, you must submit your Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report by September 30 (the fall of your ninth grade year.) **Make copies of this form and all items submitted, for your Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor and for you to keep.**

### Your Information (Please type or print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you:  Phone or  E-mail

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

If you worked on your Girl Scout Silver Award project with other girls, please include their names and troop numbers below.

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### Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Reflection**

Please type answers to the questions below on a separate piece of paper. Label each section. Remember to answer in your own words! Please keep the answers to two pages. If you are working with a group, your answers should not be the same as your group members.

**Discover:**

1. What did you discover about yourself?
2. What community need did you address and what steps did you take to do so?
3. If working in a group, what were your individual roles and responsibilities?

**Connect**

4. How did you connect with your local and global communities?
5. How did you display active leadership? Remember, active leadership means leading, coordinating, educating, or inspiring other people in your efforts.

**Take Action**

6. What impact did your Silver Award project have on your community? How did you measure its success? Did you reach the goals you set for your project?
7. How will your Silver Award project be sustainable?
8. What leadership skills did you gain?

Along with this final report form and project reflection please include the following items:

- Time log
- Final budget worksheet
- Signed Photo/Interview Consent Form giving Girl Scouts permission to use your photos and photos that may be taken of you at the awards ceremony
- Receipts and cookie credits, if applicable
- Completed copy of the online ceremony program and publicity information form located at <http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/>
- Photographs—E-mail the following photos to [silveraward@girlscoutsrv.org](mailto:silveraward@girlscoutsrv.org). Otherwise, photos may be submitted on a CD or in hard copy (in an envelope with your name printed on the envelope and on the back of each photograph). Photos will not be returned.
  - “Head-and-shoulders” school-like photograph of you to be used for Girl Scout Silver Award publicity
  - 5-10 photographs of your project being implemented, including a picture of you doing your project

## Photo/Interview Consent Form for Minors

I hereby consent that \_\_\_\_\_ may be interviewed about  
Girl's first and last name  
and/or photographed at Girl Scout activities by the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, or it's approved media partner.

I understand that resulting photographs, writing, artwork, audio, or video, as well as those submitted for her Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report, may be used for any purpose by the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys or its approved media partner.

Furthermore, I hereby consent that such material shall be the property of the organization or its approved media partner, and that the council or its approved media partner shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce, and make other uses of such material free and any claim whatsoever on my part.

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Service Center \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scout Signature**

I have completed the above items as indicated and have read and understand all the requirements and guidelines for the Girl Scout Silver Award. I have consulted *Safety-Wise*. I am aware of the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report deadline and the consequences of not meeting the deadline.

Girl Scout Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scout Silver Award Advisor and Parent/Guardian Signature**

I have reviewed all components of the Girl Scout Silver Award final report and verify that the information accurately documents the Girl Scout Silver Award Project.

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this completed final report, reflection answers, and additional information to:**

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