



## GIRL SCOUT HIGHEST AWARDS RIVER VALLEYS' GUIDELINES and RESOURCES

Congratulations! You are taking the first step in an exciting and challenging journey of leadership and service. Earning the Girl Scout Highest Awards for your program grade level is an opportunity for you to use your talents, skills, and gifts to make a lasting impact on your community and make the world a better place.

The *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, the new Girl Scout badge/handbook, provides basic guidelines for earning the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. GS USA has reserved the right for councils to include supplemental guidelines that will benefit the Girl Scouts in the areas they serve. River Valleys has chosen to add a few additional resources and requirements to further enhance the progression of girls, to provide further guidance, to uphold the integrity of the Girl Scout Higher Awards and to create the best experience possible.

The chart below includes GSUSA basic guidelines, along with River Valleys required guidelines for earning the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Award. If you have any questions, please visit our website [http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities\\_for\\_girls/badges\\_and\\_awards/gold\\_silver\\_bronze\\_awards/](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities_for_girls/badges_and_awards/gold_silver_bronze_awards/) to download the highest awards packet for your program grade level or contact the program department at 800-845-0787.

**Note:** If you will be earning money for your project, make sure you are following all money earning guidelines. Complete the Troop Money Earning Project Approval form if you will earn \$100 or more for your project.  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD</b></p> <p><b>Pre-requisites include:</b> Complete a Girl Scout Junior Journey, including a Take Action project</p> <p><b>Project:</b> -Complete as a troop or group - Each girl completes 20 hours towards the Bronze Award project</p> <p><b>Project Approval:</b> Troop volunteer</p>	<p><b>Getting started:</b> Visit River Valleys website to download the current Girl Scout Bronze Award Packet for detailed information  <a href="http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities_for_girls/badges_and_awards/gold_silver_bronze_awards/">http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities_for_girls/badges_and_awards/gold_silver_bronze_awards/</a></p> <p><b>Pre-requisites include:</b> Complete a Girl Scout Junior Journey, including a Take Action project</p> <p><b>Project:</b> -Complete as a troop or group - Each girl completes 20 hours towards the Bronze Award project</p> <p><b>Project approval:</b> Troop volunteer</p> <p><b>Final reporting:</b> Complete and submit Final Report in the Girl Scout Bronze Award packet and mail to: Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys            Attn: Girl Scout Bronze Award            5601 Brooklyn Blvd            Brooklyn Center, MN 55429</p>

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<p><b>GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD</b></p> <p><b>Pre-requisites include:</b> Complete a Girl Scout Cadette Journey, including a Take Action project</p> <p><b>Project:</b> - Complete Individually or as a small group (maximum of four girl per group) - Each girl completes 50 hours towards the Silver Award project</p> <p><b>Project Approval:</b> Final project approved by Council staff</p>	<p><b>Getting Started:</b> Visit River Valleys website to download the current Girl Scout Silver Award Packet for detailed information <a href="http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities_for_girls/badges_and_awards/gold_silver_bronze_awards/">http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities_for_girls/badges_and_awards/gold_silver_bronze_awards/</a></p> <p><b>Pre-requisites include:</b> Complete a Girl Scout Cadette Journey, including a Take Action project</p> <p><b>Project:</b> - Complete Individually or as a small group (maximum of four girls per project) - Each girl completes 50 hours towards the Silver Award project</p> <p><b>Project pre-approval:</b> Project Proposal must be submitted and pre-approved by council staff before starting work on the project. <u>This ensures that you'll have a successful Silver Award project.</u></p> <p><b>Final reporting:</b> Complete and submit Final Report in the Girl Scout Silver Award packet and mail to: Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys Attn: Girl Scout Silver Award 5601 Brooklyn Blvd Brooklyn Center, MN 55429</p>
<p><b>GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD</b></p> <p><b>Pre-requisites include:</b> Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador), including Take Action projects OR Earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey, including a Take Action project</p> <p><b>Project:</b> - Individually girl led; girl selects and recruits project advisor - Girl completes 80 hours towards the Gold Award project</p> <p><b>Pre-approval:</b> Council staff and Gold Award Committee approval before beginning project.</p>	<p><b>Getting started:</b> Visit River Valleys website to download the current Girl Scout Gold Award Packet: <a href="http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities_for_girls/badges_and_awards/gold_silver_bronze_awards/">http://www.girlscoutsrv.org/activities_for_girls/badges_and_awards/gold_silver_bronze_awards/</a></p> <p><b>Pre-requisites include:</b> Complete two Journeys (Senior or Ambassador), including Take Action projects OR Earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey, including a Take Action project</p> <p><b>Project:</b> - Individually girl led; girl selects and recruits project advisor - Girl completes 80 hours towards the Gold Award project</p> <p><b>Pre-approval:</b> Project Proposal must be submitted, and project approved by the Gold Award Committee before beginning the Gold Award project. Projects are approved during a Gold Award Presentation meeting with the Gold Award Committee. <u>This ensures that you'll have a successful Gold Award project.</u></p> <p><b>Final reporting:</b> Complete and submit Final Report in the Girl Scout Gold Award packet and mail to: Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys Attn: Girl Scout Gold Award 5601 Brooklyn Blvd Brooklyn Center, MN 55429</p>