

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
Girl Scout Silver Award
Informational Packet
And Forms Supplement



This packet contains the information and forms for the Girl Scout Silver Award pre-summer 2009 requirements using the guidelines outline in the *Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It!* booklet.. There is a transition period ending September 30, 2010. If the majority of the award's work will be done during the 2011 membership year, the new guidelines should be used.

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The Girl Scout® Silver Award

The Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout 11-14 can earn, is symbolic of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities, as a girl becomes her best self and builds the world around her. The Girl Scout Silver Award project should benefit a girl's community, which can include her school, Girl Scout council, city or town, or a more global community, and can be earned as an individual or as part of a group.

The Girl Scout Silver Award was introduced in ***You Make the Difference*** in 1980. This new award helped girls focus on four areas: skill development, leadership, service, and career exploration. Its roots are found in a tradition of leadership awards for Girl Scouts: The Golden Eaglet of Merit (1916-1919), The Golden Eagle (1919-1938), First Class (1938-1982), The Curved Bar (1940-1980).

The Girl Scout Silver Award was revised in 2004 to reflect girl and council suggestions and research done by GSUSA. The **“Go For It” Girl Scout Silver Award** insert was published in 2004, along with information and forms posted on the Girl Scout Web site at http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/highest_awards/silver_award.asp.

Note: Always refer to the award as the Girl Scout Silver Award, never just the Silver Award.



Benefits of Earning the Girl Scout® Silver Award

1. The Girl Scout Silver Award is recognized as the second highest award in Girl Scouting. It is a national award with national standards, awarded by your council on behalf of Girl Scouts of the USA.
2. You are recognized as a future community leader if you have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award as an individual or as part of a group.
3. Although you don't have to do the Girl Scout Silver Award before going for the Girl Scout Gold Award, going for the Girl Scout Silver Award develops skills that will allow you to stretch in going for the Girl Scout Gold Award.
4. You'll find yourself supported by the community while on your quest for leadership in many ways. Being a Girl Scout will open many doors.
5. Having your family members pitch in to help with your project can be fun! It can be a positive time spent working together.
6. Believe it or not, younger girls will look up to you when you earn that award. Are you prepared to help mentor someone?
7. Learning to work closely with a group to accomplish your goal for the community can be a lesson in cooperation, leadership, and compromise. Teamwork is a skill that goes beyond the sports field.
8. Working on a Girl Scout Silver Award is a safe way to build your leadership skills while acting on a community issue you really care about.
9. You will build skills and expand your knowledge. Who knows what you can accomplish before you set the goal and go for it!
10. You will create change in the world around you.
11. Working on the project with friends can be a lot of fun.

GO FOR IT: THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD



You must complete Steps 5 & 6 by Sept. 30 after the completion of 9th grade.

STEP 6 Think About It

- Evaluate your project with your adult advisor

Your Girl Scout Silver Award project can be done in or outside of Girl Scouting. If your project is done within Girl Scouting, you must reach out to the community in some way.

STEP 5

Girl Scout Silver Award Project

Your Girl Scout Silver Award Project must take a minimum of 40 hours.

- Plan It
 - Know more about it
- Choose It
- Map It
- Do It

STEP 4 - Girl Scout Silver 4 B's Challenge

- Become - Set goals for self-improvement
- Belong - Earn the charm for *STUDIO 2B Focus: Looking in, Reaching Out*
- Believe - Identify a community issue
- Build - Focus on a solution

The time you spend working on the 4B Challenge may be applied to your Girl Scout Silver Award project hours.

STEP 2

Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award

- Earn 3 IPAs related to parts of the *GS Law*
- Earn *STUDIO 2B Focus charm uniquely Me! The Real Deal!*
- Lead It: spend 15 hours in one or more leadership roles

Use *Go For It! GS Silver Award STUDIO 2B Basics* insert to keep records and *Journal Steps 2-5*. Good record keeping will help you in Step 6.

STEP 3

Girl Scout Silver Career Award

- What's out there? Explore career choices
- Who's out there? Talk to people about their jobs
- Earn the Your Own Business IPA

STEP 1

GET READY

- Read *STUDIO 2B Go For It! Girl Scout Silver Award* insert **OR** attend a council sponsored Girl Scout Silver Award workshop
- Meet with your adult advisor and develop a timeline for Steps 2-4; include some thinking about where Step 5 might fit on your timeline
- Create an agreement with your adult advisor

- Accomplishments prior to age 11 or going into 6th grade cannot be used toward the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- A girl must be age 11-14 or in grades 6-9 to begin work Steps 1-4 of the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- The first four steps must be completed before the Girl Scout Silver Award project is undertaken.

You must be 12-14 or in grades 7-9 to begin Steps 5 & 6.



FAQs about the Girl Scout® Silver Award

Q: Can a girl work on the “old requirements” that appear in the *Cadette Girl Scout Handbook*?

A: No. Since this is a national award, the requirements are standardized. The girl must follow the requirements in the *Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It! Focus Book*.

Q: Can girls earn the Girl Scout Silver Award if they are involved in STUDIO 2B?

A: All girls, once they have left Junior Girl Scouts and are between the ages of 11-14, can work on their Girl Scout Silver Awards.

Q: Do girls need to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award before they are in grade 10 or ages 14 to 18?

A: Yes, it can only be earned by girls 11-14 or in grades 6-9. (They should complete by the summer after their ninth grade year.)

Q: If a group of girls is bridging from Junior Girl Scouts in the spring, can they then begin work on their Girl Scout Silver Award activities?

A: If girls celebrate moving from Juniors to the next level at the end of their school year (whether fifth or sixth grade) to the next level, they can start work on activities leading up to the Girl Scout Silver Award, such as Interest Project Awards or STUDIO 2B charms over the summer before they are registered “officially” for the next level. They must, however, be **age 12 or in the seventh grade** to begin work on steps 5-6 of their Girl Scout Silver Award project (as stated in the current guidelines for the Girl Scout Silver Award.)

Q: Can a group of girls work on their Girl Scout Silver Award together?

A: Yes! It is important, however, that each girl has an individual leadership role and each girl logs her own hours. Each girl should fill out her own Girl Scout Silver Award insert or journal and the GSUSA Girl Scout Silver Award form (if required by her council), stating what she did and learned individually (and as part of a group.)

Q: How can we assure that Girl Scout Silver Awards represent quality projects? In the past we have had some projects that resemble service projects signed off by advisors.

A: Ensure that both the girl and her advisor receive orientation about the award and about the difference between a service project and a Girl Scout Silver Award Project, whether it is through training, Web site information, or a marketing piece. The last thing you want to do is tell a girl her project isn't the caliber of a Girl Scout Silver Award project

when the report comes in. The project at that point reflects on the adults who are advising her and it would be unacceptable to refuse her the award if she had put in the hours and gone through the process.

Q: Do girls need to complete the steps that come before the Girl Scout Silver Award projects in any order?

A: Girls can do the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award, the Girl Scout Silver Career Award, in any order, but they should do the Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge as the last step before doing the project. They must complete STEPS 1-4, be the correct age and be working with an advisor before working on their project.

Q: What is the Girl Scout Silver 4 B's Challenge?

A: The Girl Scout Silver 4 B's Challenge will help girls be better prepared and informed before choosing a project to spend many hours on. It was initiated to end the frustration girls expressed about coming up with ideas for projects. It also makes the 4 Bs (the Girl Scout program goals) a more meaningful part of the project and the logical time for the project advisor to step in to help girls once they focus on what they want to do. Since the Girl Scout Silver 4 B's Challenge represents an important part of the project planning process, girls may count the hours working on the 4B's Challenge towards the hours on their project.

Q: If a girl has done similar activities in pursuit of other Girl Scout awards, can these activities count toward the Girl Scout Silver Award?

A: Activities done prior to working on the awards or as activities counting towards other leadership awards cannot be counted toward the number of hours for this award. However, if a girl has earned, for example, the charm for a STUDIO 2B Focus Book, which is one of the requirements for one of the awards, **she can set new goals for herself in that book.** Note: Hours earned toward the Girl Scout Silver Award **can** count toward the President's Volunteer Service Awards if your council is participating as a "certifying organization."

Q: What is the difference between a troop/group advisor and a Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor in the Girl Scout Silver Award process? Do girls need both?

A: A troop/group advisor is the adult who is working with an ongoing troop or group. She works with girls in the first three steps of their Girl Scout Silver Award—helping them get initial information, working on the Silver Leadership Award, and the Girl Scout Silver Career Award. Some resource consultants may be brought in while girls are working on specific Interest project awards, but the advisor will help girls keep on track and lay out an overall timeline. The troop/group advisor may help girls with the initial activities in working on the 4B's. Once a girl (or girls) develops her vision statement, the advisor might help her identify a person in the community who might be a great project advisor.

Girls are encouraged to go beyond the group when seeking specific knowledge for a project. However, *the troop/group advisor may act as the project advisor* if she can fulfill that role and it is a decision arrived at by the girl and herself.

The Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor will have specific experience related to the project. For example, if a girl is doing a project to benefit a homeless shelter, her project advisor might be the person who runs the shelter, or if girls are doing a literacy project, the project advisor might be a librarian. If girls are doing a day camp for girls, their advisor might be someone who has run day camps in the council or the community. It is possible that the troop/group advisor can work in partnership with the project advisor.

Q: Is it recommended that a girl's parent be her project advisor for the Girl Scout Silver Award?

A: For a number of reasons it is best to find a project advisor who is not the girl's parent, even if that person is the girl's troop/group leader. It is not always possible to get the full benefit of the leadership experience if working with a parent. If the mother is the person working with a group project, she might bring in a project advisor to assist her in the planning or implementation process, or make sure her daughter is working directly with her co-advisor. Avoid situations where parents do a girl's work, even when it comes to calling and asking questions. If money earning is involved, the girl and her advisor can act as a team, with the girl doing the planning and the adult doing the "ask." Girls can ask family members to help with their projects.

Q: Do girls need to complete the Girl Scout Silver Award before they work on the Girl Scout Gold Award?

A: A girl cannot work on her Girl Scout Gold Award **before the age of 14**. A girl doesn't need to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award to begin the Girl Scout Gold Award. However, it is helpful, as some of the processes are the same, and many of the skills that are learned in working on the Girl Scout Silver Award are a foundation for working on the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Q: What if girls want to help raise money for their local hospital, because someone in the troop is sick. Can they do this?

A: Girls need to follow national and council guidelines related to fundraising and money earning. Girl Scouts cannot raise money for another organization according to GSUSA policy. However, girls can volunteer for that organization or decide to use money from their treasury to fund the work of their Girl Scout Silver Award (like buy paint to paint a homeless shelter). Instead of marching in a walkathon, girls can volunteer to help with registration or first aid, or make sure everyone has water and a snack along the route. Any money earning **MUST** be reviewed and approved by the council **BEFORE** it is done.

Q: Are there projects besides fund raising that girls should not do for their Girl Scout Silver Awards?

A: If there is a question about whether it can be a Girl Scout Silver Award project, girls and their advisors should check with the council. Avoid projects that are just simple service projects, projects that involve Web sites (usually a lot of legal issues involved), or projects like creating a "council's own" patch.

Q: Where does a girl wear her Silver Award awards?

A: If a girl wears the Girl Scout uniform for girls 11-14, she can choose to wear her earned charms on the STUDIO 2B Bracelet or on the STUDIO 2B Charm Holder pinned to the sash or vest with other earned insignia. The Girl Scout Silver Award goes to the left of the Girl Scouts of the USA Membership Pin. She can wear the STUDIO 2 Bracelet and Charm Holder and the Girl Scout Membership Pin and Girl Scout Silver Award with regular clothing as well.



Ways Parent/Guardians Can Support Girls Working on Girl Scout® Silver Awards

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting that girls 11-14 can earn. It represents a girl's commitment to herself and to her community, as she focuses on leadership, career exploration, personal challenges and completing a project that will benefit her community. It takes many hours of preparation, planning and work to accomplish the goals a girl has set for herself.

Parents/guardians play a significant role in supporting a girl's path to the Girl Scout Silver Award. As a parent you may be called upon to be coach, mentor, cheerleader, sounding board and chauffeur. As a parent, you are not expected to be a taskmaster—this is the girl's project. However, you can assist a girl by:

- Reading through the materials provided to girls regarding these awards so that you feel comfortable offering support.
- Encouraging and supporting her, but not pressuring her. “Going for the Silver” is something that a girl has to want to do herself.
- Helping her choose a topic that will become the basis for her project if she asks for ideas. Remember, however, that the topic is based on her passions, not yours.
- Aiding her in accessing a network of adults who can lend insight, provide contacts, and point to resources. You may work with someone who has just the skill set your daughter needs in an advisor, or someone who belongs to a service club that your daughter and her advisor can approach for financial assistance.
- Supporting a girl in following any Girl Scout safety or money-earning guidelines during her path to the Girl Scout Silver Award. This is important to assure the safety of your daughter and the integrity of the Girl Scout program.
- Allowing your daughter to stumble and learn the lessons that come with the Girl Scout Silver Award project.
- Realizing that your daughter is capable, competent and worthy of respect as she assumes more responsibilities within her community. Provide her with positive and constructive support on this journey.
- Attending the event if it is appropriate, and joining in the celebration as your daughter is honored for her accomplishments.



Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Girl Scout Silver Award Dos and Don'ts

DO:

- Start early! Make sure you have plenty of time to complete all the requirements.
- Plan accordingly. Take into consideration all possible factors that may affect your project. Things to think about: weather, supplies, official approval and target audience.
- Get a signed photo release for anyone who may be photographed and/or recorded during your Girl Scout Silver Award project.
- Have an adult do the “ask” when soliciting donations. Make sure you are still involved! You can explain the Girl Scout Silver Award process and your project to any potential donors.
- Get permission from the Girl Scout Center before conducting any money-earning activities.
- Make sure you are following all Girl Scout safety standards—Girl Scouts of the USA publishes a safety book called *Safety-Wise*. Ask your troop/group leader if you can borrow their copy of *Safety Wise*. If you are a Juliette, contact the Girl Scout Center to ask about using *Safety-Wise*.
- Work with your adult advisor throughout the Girl Scout Silver Award process.
- HAVE FUN!

DON'T:

- Raise money for other organizations.
- Participate directly or indirectly in any political campaigns.
- Use any copyrighted or trademarked materials without specific permission from the copyright or trademark holder.
- Use personal identifiers, such as your name, address, phone number, or e-mail address and on Internet Web sites.
- Use art materials whose ingredients are not known—very old or unlabeled materials may be toxic.
- Forget to stay in touch with your adult advisor.
- Forget to have fun!

M*O*N*E*Y and Your Leadership Project

(adapted from “Go for It” STUDIO 2BSM Girl Scout Gold Award insert)

One of the challenges facing every girl “going for the Silver” is financial. Often, when the planning gets serious, adjustments have to be made in the doing. On the one hand you are asked to meet a need in your community; on the other hand, you have some major constraints outlined in *Safety-Wise* and by your council. So what’s a girl to do?

OK. The reality first. Then some possible ways to approach it. Think of those who have gone before you. They figured it out, and so can you! Then clear the adjustments you have made in your plan with your Girl Scout council.

1. You can’t ask for money as a girl member of Girl Scouts.

You can’t ask for materials or services (technically called gifts-in-kind) either. This asking is considered fund-raising by the IRS and under Girl Scout policies—for this and for a lot of reasons (legal and otherwise), adults are the only people who can raise money for Girl Scouting.

What you can do: Since adults can solicit money, work with an adult partner if you really need to get a donation of materials or need some funds. You **can** describe your project to others, write a letter, create a Power Point presentation or write the grant, but an adult has to do the actual ask and sign on the dotted line. And don’t forget to clear the solicitation with your council. No way around it.

2. You can’t raise money for another organization as a Girl Scout. That means you can’t have a bake sale and tell people that you are giving the proceeds to a homeless shelter for meals; you can’t ask for pledges for a walk-a-thon to benefit breast cancer research; and you can’t hold a benefit dance to raise money for Sally’s kidney operation.

What you can do: This is where it gets a bit tricky. Your troop/group **can** hold a bake sale or birdhouse sale and can charge a fee to an approved event that you put on to earn money **for your troop/group’s activities**. However, **your troop/group must have council permission for any money-earning activity. Your troop/group may then decide to use that money toward** the completion of a Girl Scout Silver Award project, such as the purchase of materials. It must be a troop/group decision on how to allocate the funds, which can be used for group or individual projects.

If you are an individually registered member, things are slightly different. You cannot earn money as an individual Girl Scout for yourself. The money you earn must go to an account held by a group (troop/group, service unit, or your council). Next, you must present your need for funds to that group. There is no guarantee that you will get back

the amount of money you earned for the group, as the dispersal of funds will be a group decision. We suggest you first check with your council about the options open. There may be a grant process in place for funds earned by individual girls on product sales, or you might be put into a Girl Scout Silver Award interest group or group of “Juliettes” where, working with other girls and an adult advisor, you can develop a funding base for activities.

Do *Not* Engage In The Following Kinds Of Activities:

1. Money-earning projects where you are performing an activity that someone normally gets paid to do—in other words, taking jobs away from people, such as store workers, maintenance staff, or service providers. (**However**, if certain activities—for example, cleaning a stadium after a game or gift wrapping at a store—have previously been defined clearly as opportunities for nonprofits to earn money, you can undertake these activities **with council approval**.)

2. “Cheap labor” projects disguised as money-earning projects. At first it may sound like a great idea, but you are actually being taken advantage of and taking away the job of someone who should be paid more money than you are being offered. That’s why there are child labor and minimum wage laws!

3. Money earning projects where Girl Scouts of the USA might be perceived as endorsing a product or political viewpoint or cause. This includes getting paid to pass out flyers for political candidates or freebees at a business opening. When in doubt, check with your council.

4. Money earning projects where the money goes to individuals rather than to your group as a group donation. You cannot be employed as a *Girl Scout* to earn money.

5. Selling anything on the Internet as a Girl Scout. Safety issues and council boundaries are of primary concern here.

Some Frequently Asked Questions on Money

Q: Can I use my own money on the Girl Scout Silver Award Project?

A: Yes. If you want to use your own money, you can. You may receive help from your family, too. However, we encourage you to work with others to earn the money. That’s part of the process. “Going for the Silver” is not meant to be a hardship on a family or individual.

When designing your project, it's important to think creatively about how you can make a difference with little or no money. Then talk to your council and advisor about ideas for financing the project or arranging for the donation of materials and services.

Q: Can I ask friends and neighbors for help?

A: You shouldn't ask for donations of money, but you can ask for donations of time and stuff, such as clothing for a clothing drive or that pile of bricks left over from your neighbor's backyard project. **However, if the neighbor wants to claim the donation as a tax deduction, he or she will need to make the donation to the council for IRS purposes and get a receipt signed by a council staff person.**

Q: What if what I want to do costs too much?

A: It's better to succeed with a smaller project that is within your budget than to be unable to complete a larger project because it exceeds your budget. Be realistic about what you can and can't do. Work with your adult advisor to develop a reasonable budget for your project. If your resources are not sufficient for you to realistically accomplish your goal, then you need to rethink the project. Planning is the key to a good Girl Scout Silver Award project. You should be prepared with a budget for your project before you meet with your Girl Scout Silver Award advisor to have them approve your project. Think it through and do your homework! Your council has the right to put a cap on spending, as well as to request that large donations go through the council office. Work with them.

Q: Is it all right to seek help from other organizations when doing my Girl Scout Silver Award?

A: Yes, with some qualifications. Many service organizations have budgets for community projects. You can use their interests (e.g., Lions Club International focus on vision care, while Soroptimists may have a committee on literacy) as leverage to support your project and get volunteers to help you. Do some research on local service organizations. Even some businesses give workers time for community service hours and projects. However, remember the rule about having the adult doing the "ask" for actual money and gifts-in-kind, and clearing your joint approach with your local council. (Your council may be asking the same group for a major donation and you don't want to interfere with the council's "ask.") Don't let the organization's agenda drive your vision for your project.

Q: I know you can't raise money as a Girl Scout for other organizations, but can I do it on my own?

A: As an individual, you can volunteer for other organizations, but you should not identify work that you do to raise funds for another organization as part of your time going toward the Girl Scout Silver Award. Additionally, you may not present yourself as a Girl Scout to the public in this process since you are a volunteer for another organization. For example: If your local Red Cross needs money to purchase training dummies, you may participate under their supervision as an individual volunteer to raise funds, but you

cannot count that service as part of your time toward any Girl Scout award or service hours. However, you can plan a Girl Scout Silver Award project using the equipment that was purchased as part of your efforts as a volunteer for that organization.

Q: Can we charge for a Girl Scout event to earn money?

A: If it is a service project, a fee can be collected to cover the cost of materials. The project ceases to be a service project if you are charging a fee for the event above cost, in which case the hours cannot go toward service hours in any award. If you are doing an event as a Girl Scout (e.g., a Badge Workshop, Bike Rodeo, etc.) and are planning to charge a fee **above** the cost of materials, you **must first** clear this with your Girl Scout council. Provision should be made for scholarships for troop/groups or individual girls who cannot afford fees to your event and you must be clear in your advertisements and materials that this is a money-earning event for your troop/group.



From Good to Great: Successful Girl Scout Silver Award Projects

One of the roles of the troop/group advisor and Girl Scout Silver Award project advisor is to help a girl or group of girls move a project that may be a good idea to a great idea. It is important to differentiate between a community service project and a Girl Scout Silver Award project. The later should involve planning and individual opportunities for leadership and decision making. When working on a group project, each girl needs to play an individual role. Here are several activities that start as good service projects, but with some careful coaching, have moved into the caliber of Girl Scout Silver Award project.

Good Service Project?	Great Girl Scout Silver Award Project!
Volunteering many hours at a park site picking up litter.	Working with the park to establish an ongoing "Junior Ranger" program for neighboring children during summer and on weekends.
Working at the local library doing children's story hours.	Creating an after-school reading program for a homeless shelter after meeting with the children and establishing needs—building bookshelves and selecting books from donations.
Sewing pillows for very ill children in a hospital.	Assessing needs for the children's hospital with administration and children. Teaching younger girls to sew "keeper pillows" and special head-covers for ill children in several hospitals.
Planting flowers with a group in a park during a community service day.	Organizing a community clean-up, beautification day and BBQ that become an annual event involving businesses and families. Planting window boxes, painting porches and cleaning up vacant lots are some of the completed tasks.

Photo Release for Non Registered Minors and Adults

Release for Minors

I, being the parent/guardian of _____, hereby consent that her/his name, image, and likeness, as shown in videotapes, motion picture film, and/or electronic images for which she/he is posed, and/or audio recordings made of her/his voice may be used by Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television; furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs, films, recordings, electronic images, plates, tapes, and software from which they are made shall be its sole property, and it shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of such photographs, films, recordings, electronic images, plates, tapes, and software as it may desire, free and clear of any claim whatever on my part.

Name of Minor (print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Release for Adults

I, being of legal age, _____, hereby consent that my name, image, and likeness, as shown in videotapes, motion picture film, and/or electronic images in which I appear, and or audio recordings made of my voice may be used by Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television; furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs, films, recordings, electronic images, plates, tapes, and software from which they are made shall be its sole property, and it shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of such photographs, films, recordings, electronic images, plates, tapes, and software as it may desire, free and clear of any claim whatever on my part.

Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____



**Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
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Final Report**

Please fill this form out completely. Type or print clearly. Before submitting this form, make a copy for yourself.

Submit the original form to: **Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
Elgin Service Center
12N124 Coombs Road
Elgin, IL 60124**

Name: _____ Troop/Group number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

The best way to reach me is by (circle one): phone _____ e-mail _____

Age: _____ Date of birth (MM/DD/YY): _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

STEP 1: Get Ready

Girl Scout Silver Award advisor's name: _____

Girl Scout Silver Award advisor's phone number: _____

Girl Scout Silver Award advisor's e-mail address: _____

Attach a copy of the timeline developed by you and your advisor.

STEP 2: Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award

	Date completed	GS Silver Award advisor's signature
Earn It:		
IP: _____	_____	_____
IP: _____	_____	_____
IP: _____	_____	_____
Believe It:		
STUDIO 2BSM Focus: <i>uniquely ME! The Real Deal</i>	_____	_____
Lead It:		
Describe your 15-hour leadership activity:	_____	_____
Attach additional sheets if needed.		

STEP 3: Girl Scout Silver Career Award

	Date completed	GS Silver Award advisor's signature
What's out there?	_____	_____
Who's out there?	_____	_____
Your Own Business Interest Project Award	_____	_____

STEP 4: Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge

	Date completed	GS Silver Award advisor's signature
<i>Become</i>	_____	_____
<i>Belong</i> STUDIO 2Bsm Focus: <i>Looking In, Reaching Out</i>	_____	_____
<i>Believe</i>	_____	_____
What issue did you identify?		
How did you use your voice?		
<i>Build</i>	_____	_____
Describe your solution.		

STEP 5: Girl Scout Silver Award Project

Title of project: _____
Start date: _____ Completion date: _____

Complete the following in essay format. Give as much detail as possible. Attach additional sheets if needed.

A. Describe the issue your project addressed, what you achieved, and who benefited.

- B. Discuss the reasons for selecting this project.

- C. Outline your strengths, talents, and skills that you put into action.

- D. Describe the steps involved for putting your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment needed. (You can attach your project plan.)

- E. Indicate the methods and/or tools utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of your project.

- F. List the consultants and resources you used.

- G. Discuss the overall project expenses and how you met those costs. Attach a copy of the budget sheet from your record book.

All project hours (including hours spent on the Girl Scout Silver 4Bs Challenge) must be documented and must total a minimum of 40 hours. Please attach the Girl Scout Silver Award project activity log or other documentation.

Girl Scout Silver Award applicant's signature

Date

Girl Scout Silver Award advisor's signature

Date

Approved:

Council representative's signature

Date



Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Girl Scout Silver Award Project Activity Log

Name: _____ Troop/Group number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number: () _____ E-mail address: _____

Use this log to document the time you spend working on your Girl Scout Silver Award project. The log is continued on the back of this page. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Date	Activity	Hours

Front of page subtotal:

Back of page subtotal:

Total project hours (must be a minimum of 40 hours):

Date	Activity	Hours

Back of page subtotal: