

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc.

Planner

for the

Girl Scout

S I L V E R

Award



Name _____

Date _____ Troop # _____ Service Area _____

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*These pages will be submitted to GSSA.

Overview of the Girl Scout Silver Award

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the second highest achievement that a Girl Scout can earn! The Silver Award recognizes your efforts to express a special commitment to yourself and your community. There are six steps to completing your Girl Scout Silver Award: organize, lead, network, create, act and reflect.

Requirements

- You must be 11 or going into the 6th grade to begin working on Steps 1-4 of your Girl Scout Silver Award.
- You must be 12 or going into the 7th grade to begin working on Steps 5-6 of the Girl Scout Silver Award project.
- You must complete your Girl Scout Silver Award project by September 30 of your 10th grade year.
- Before you begin implementing your service project (Step 5), you must submit page 7 to inform the council that you are ready to work on your project. You will send this page to Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc. Service Center closest to you.

As you work on your Girl Scout Silver Award project, use this planner to help guide you through the process and to help you keep accurate records of your work. The information in this planner will also be used during the recognition ceremony of your Girl Scout Silver Award and for public relations within the community and council. When you have completed your project, send your final report (pgs. 7-12) to the closest Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc. Service Center. Your final report and any additional forms should be sent via email or US Postal Mail to the Program Department at the same Service Center (Montgomery or Mobile).

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc.

Mobile Service Center
Program Department
3483 Springhill Avenue
Mobile, AL 36608

Montgomery Service Center
Program Department
145 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36109



In addition to this planner, you will need to read the insert *Girl Scout Silver Award - Go For It!*

Don't forget to take and collect pictures of your project! The Council uses these pictures for publications, GSSA website, etc.



Steps to Take

Organize

STEP 1

ORGANIZE- Get Ready

- **Read *Girl Scout Silver Award GO FOR IT!*** This is a GSUSA insert that provides in-depth information about the requirements of the Silver Award. Review the Girl Scout Silver Award FAQ's "On Your Mind?" on page 30.
- **Meet** with an advisor and develop a timeline for Steps 2-4. When making your timeline, consider when you will want to start Step 5.
- **Make** an agreement with your advisor.
- **Look** for this symbol throughout the planner for a reference to the pages in the *Girl Scout Silver Award GO FOR IT!* insert book to further explain the requirements for each step.



STEP 2

LEAD - Earn the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award

- **Earn It** - Earn 3 Interest Projects (IP) Awards found in *Interest Projects for Girls 11-17* badge book or online at www.studio2b.org. Each IP should relate to the three different parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- **Believe It** - Earn the *Studio 2B uniquely me! The Real Deal* charm. If you have already earned the charm for the Studio 2B Focus book, read through it again, and set and achieve one new goal.
- **Lead It** - Put leadership into action by spending 15 hours in a leadership role.
- **Journal It** - Keep records and a journal for discussion with your advisor.

Lead



Refer to *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It!* (pgs. 10-13).

STEP 3

NETWORK - Earn the Girl Scout Silver Career Award

- **What's Out There?** Research different career options.
- **Who's Out There?** Meet with people in college and in the workforce.
- **Be Your Own Boss** - Earn the *Your Own Business* IP Award.
- **Keep a Journal** - Reflect on what you've learned through this process.

Network



Refer to *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It!* (pgs. 14-17).

Steps to Take Continued

STEP 4

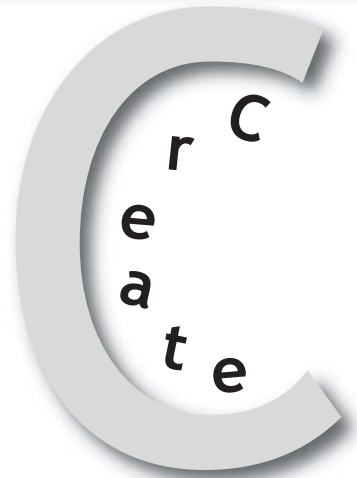
CREATE - Earn the Girl Scouts Silver 4Bs Challenge

- **Become** - Set goals for self-improvement.
- **Belong** - Earn the charm from the Studio 2B Focus book: *Looking In, Reaching Out*.
- **Believe** - Identify an issue in your school or community that you feel strongly about.
- **Build** - Focus on coming up with a solution to address a problem.

Note Planning hours for the Silver 4Bs Challenge may be applied to the Girl Scout Silver Award Project hours in Step 5.



Refer to *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It!* (pgs. 18- 23).



STEP 5

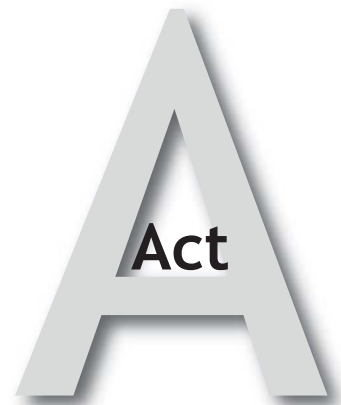
ACT - Take Action

- **Plan It** - Work with your advisor to plan your project. Planning and action steps should take a minimum of 40 hours.
- **Know More About It** - Research more information on your project.
- **Map It** - Create a timeline for the project steps and list the resources you will need.
- **Do It** - The project should take approximately 40 hours to complete, including planning time. It should also provide community service, but can be done inside or outside of Girl Scouts and be approved by your leader or advisor.

Note You must get permission from the council to do any fundraising for your project or if your project impacts Girl Scout property.



Refer to *Girl Scout Silver Award: Go For It!* (pgs. 24- 27).



STEP 6

REFLECT- Think About It

- **Evaluate** your project with your advisor.
- **Submit** your planner to the Program Department at Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc. Service Center closest to you.



Do's and Don'ts

DO...

Ask your advisor or a council approved adult to be your project advisor.

Find out if your council has a schedule for submission of reports for award ceremonies and plan accordingly.

Follow all national and council guidelines for fund-raising.

Follow all safety guidelines found in *Safety-Wise*.

Document your individual roles, hours and accomplishments if working with a group on the project.

Submit the Girl Scout Silver Award Information (pg. 6 of this planner) to the nearest service center to inform them that you are beginning your project.

DON'T...

Be afraid to do an individual project following your own interests.

Be afraid to use resource people whose knowledge or career can help make your Girl Scout Silver Award the best that it can be.

Submit your project plan to the Council for approval- your Girl Scout Silver Award project can be approved by your troop/project advisor.

Think you should have earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award in order to work on this award.

Feel like you have to complete the Silver Award in order to “go for the gold” at the next age level.

Ceremony

Once you have earned your Girl Scout Silver Award, you can choose from one of the following options for the presentation of your award:

- Older Girl Recognition Event
- Any event at the local level (any time)

To receive this award at the Older Girl Annual Recognition Event in May, you must submit your final report (pgs.7-12) by March 1.

If you choose to have your award presented at the local level, you must submit your final report (pgs. 7-12) at least two months prior to the anticipated presentation date.

Note Invitations and programs for the presentation of the Silver Award must be approved by Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc. before printing.



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Girl Scout Silver Award Information

Submit this form to Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc. (GSSA) to inform the council that you are beginning your Girl Scout Silver Award project.

GIRL INFORMATION

Name _____ Birthplace _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail Address _____ Age _____

Grade _____ School Name _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Names _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Work # _____ Cell # _____

TROOP ADVISOR INFORMATION

Name _____ Troop # _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

E-mail Address _____

SILVER AWARD PROJECT ADVISOR INFORMATION

Name _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

E-mail Address _____

Focus or Name of Project _____

Anticipated Project Beginning Date _____ End Date _____



Please type or print in black ink. Complete the final report (pgs. 7-12) and submit the original to the Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc. Service Center closest to you. Make copies for your Girl Scout Silver Award Project Advisor and for yourself.

If any information has changed from your Silver Award Information, submit changes on an additional page.

Name _____

Title of Project _____

Beginning Date _____ Date of Completion _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Total # years in Girl Scouts _____

Presentation of Girl Scout Silver Award _____

See page 5 of this planner for information on Girl Scout Gold Award presentation options and deadlines.

Attach an additional page to your final report with the following information:

1. List major accomplishments, awards and recognitions you have received in Girl Scouts.
2. List organizational, religious group or club memberships.
3. List volunteer and employment history.

Please include a head shot and any pictures of other items we can use to write an article about your project.

Note: Troops completing their Girl Scout Silver Award together should select one girl from the troop to send pictures of the project.

STEP 1

Organize

Get Ready

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

STEP 2

Lead

Earn the Girl Scout Silver Leadership Award. Earn three Interest Projects and the Studio 2B charm from the focus book *uniquely Me!*

Activities	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
Earn three IP's		
1. IP:		
2. IP:		
3. IP:		
Studio 2B Focus Book: <i>uniquely Me!</i>		

Lead It

Spend 15 hours in one or more leadership roles. Record your hours below.

Date	Leadership Role/Activity	Time (hrs)	Advisor Signature
	Total:		

STEP 3

Network

Earn the Girl Scout Silver Career Award

Activity	Date Completed	Advisor Signature
What's Out There?		
Who's Out There?		
<i>Your Own Business</i> IP Award		

Step 4

Create

Earn the Girl Scout Silver 4B's Challenge

Activity	Date Completed	Project Advisor Signature
Become:		
Belong:		
Studio 2B Focus Book: Looking In, Reaching Out		
Believe:		
Build:		

Step 5

Do It

Plan your Girl Scout Silver Award Project

Title of Project _____

Proposed Start Date _____ Proposed Completion Date _____

Total Hours _____

STEP 6

Reflect

Think About It

A. Describe your Girl Scout Silver Award Project with as much detail as possible.

B. What were your reasons for selecting this project?

C. Describe the issues your project addressed.

D. Evaluate the impact of your project. Include benefits your project provided to others. By what method (observation by you, observation by others, comments from others, smiles, etc.) did you reach those conclusions?

STEP 6

Reflect

Think About It Continued

E. Outline your strengths, talents and skills that you put into action. What did you learn about yourself as a result of this project?

F. List those people who helped you with your project.

G. If your project had expenses, attach your project's final budget and explain how your project was funded.

Additional pages may be used if more room is needed to complete each question.

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Project Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

See page two of this planner for information on where to send your project proposal.

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Date Received _____

Date Reviewed _____

Final Approval _____

Date of Final Approval _____