

Gold Award Project Information Sheet for Girls

As you begin to think about your Gold Award project there are several things you need to keep in mind. Below we have compiled a list that will help you as you work toward the creation and completion of your Gold Award Project. If you are confused or require any clarification, please call Suzy Kraft, Program Support Manager, at the Council service center (205-980-4750 * 110).

Before you begin:

- ❑ All prerequisites for the Gold Award Project must be completed and verified by an advisor before you submit the Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal Form. GSUSA printed information is available to explain in detail what is required to complete the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award, the Girl Scout Gold Career Award, the Girl Scout 4B's Challenge, and the Girl Scout Gold Award Project.
- ❑ Think of a subject that really interests you and try to create a project that will include your interest.
- ❑ Your project **MUST** be done to address a need in your community **outside** of Girl Scouting, and it is hoped that the project will be ongoing.
- ❑ At present no more than 3 girls are allowed to work on a project together. Each portion of the project administered by an individual girl must be able to “**stand on its own**”, without dependence on the success of any other partner.
- ❑ You, individually, must devote **65 hours** in a leadership role to the project.

The Application:

- ❑ The application can be found on the Council Website (cahabagirlscoutcouncil.org) by going to the “Older Girl” page and clicking on “forms”.
- ❑ Print your name as you wish it to appear on any printed certificates given to you.
- ❑ Remember to include your e-mail address and cell phone number.
- ❑ It is expected that the application will be printed or typed in a concise and legible manner using **black ink**. You may attach an additional sheet if needed. Answer all questions.
- ❑ The application must be submitted for review to the Gold Award Review Committee. The committee meets once a month (except December) and your application must be received **by mail** or **in person** in the Council service center by **the first Monday of the month** to be reviewed that month by the committee.
- ❑ **A Gold Award Project cannot begin until the review committee has given its approval!**

The Project:

- ❑ You must keep a **written log of hours** to be submitted with your final report form. This log may be kept in any way you wish. The log begins when you meet with the Gold Award Review Committee.
- ❑ You must have a community liaison (advisor) that will probably be someone associated with the need you wish to address in your project.
- ❑ Keep a photographic record of your project to be turned in with your final report. These photos along with the name of your project and your name should be placed on a piece of “Foam-core Board” measuring 20 inches by 30 inches. Keep photos for yourself! This board will be used at the Women of Distinction Luncheon.
- ❑ If fundraising is required for your project, a “Fundraising Application” must be filed with the Council service center.
- ❑ You **may not** raise funds for **another organization**. You may support a cause such as the needs of the homeless. You may create activities to meet those needs with donations or fundraising. You may then donate the funds to an organization such as the Salvation Army, but you may **NOT** raise money **FOR** the Salvation Army!
- ❑ The Final Report should be submitted as soon as possible after completion of your project **but it must be submitted no later than September 30th following your graduation from high school!**

The Final Report:

- ❑ The Senior Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report Form may be found in the “Older Girl” area on the Council website.
- ❑ The final report must be accompanied by a written log of the 65 hours required for your project.
- ❑ A photographic record of your project on 20” X 30” Foam-core with your name and the name of the project should be submitted with your final report.
- ❑ The final report must be submitted by September 30th following your graduation from high school! **Your project is not completed until your final report and log of hours is submitted and approved!**
- ❑ After your Final Report is approved you will receive a letter of congratulations. Included with the letter will be a “**Biographical Information**” form and a request for a photograph. The photo will be printed in the “Women of Distinction” Luncheon Program and the info you provide on the form will be used as part of the text of the program. This must be **returned to the Service Center as soon as possible**. This information will not be submitted to the Newspaper. However, in this packet we will include the info necessary to submit you accomplishment to the newspaper should you and your parent choose to do so.