

Silver Award Online Approval Tool Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

This is an online tool for Cadettes to use with their leaders, project advisors, or parents/guardians to gain approval for their Silver Award project ideas before beginning their projects.

Who should use it?

A Cadette along with their troop leader, project advisor, or parent/guardian can use this to approve a Silver Award take action project idea. It is most useful if one of the above-mentioned adults is present while the Cadette is entering their answers. It will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete if your project meets the Silver Award standards.

When should it be used?

Plan to use this tool after the Cadette has completed the prerequisite (a Cadette Leadership Journey) and has thought about their project idea, but before they start to implement the project.

Why use it?

Because the Silver Award has changed in the past few years, this resource provides leaders with a consistent standard to approve take action project ideas.

How to use it?

Leaders, project advisors, or parents/guardians should use this in partnership with the Girl Scout Cadette. Review the questions with the Girl Scout ahead of time, as well as the resources on the [council website](#), [Girl Scouts of the USA website](#), and in the *Cadette Guide to Girl Scouting*.

After the answers have been submitted in the [online form](#), the Girl Scout will receive a response within 1 week, either approving or letting them know that they need to rethink an element of the project before it can be approved.

The approval email must be attached to the final project report when submitted at the completion of the project to SilverAwards@GirlScoutsWW.org.



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Questions Guide

Use this guide to review the questions you will be asked in the survey.

Questions with an asterisk must meet Silver Award guidelines. If your answer does not meet the guidelines, it will prompt a denial and you will not be able to move forward. Don't worry! If your answer prompts a denial, the tool will provide direction to help you rework your project idea, meet the Silver Award guidelines, and gain approval.

The Journey is a prerequisite for the Silver Award. The following groups of questions indicate that a Cadette has met the prerequisite. It also indicates that their Journey completion meets the standard of earning the three Journey awards, completing a Take Action project, and reflecting on their Take Action experience.

***Question 1:**

Did you work on a Cadette-level Girl Scout Journey (aMaze, Breathe, or MEdia) before starting the Silver Award?

***Questions 2-4:**

Did you complete the awards for that journey?

(Example: aMaze, Breathe, MEdia, Think Like a Citizen Scientist, Think Like an Engineer, Cadette Outdoor Journey, or Think Like a Programmer)

***Question 5 & 6:**

Did you complete the Journey take action project? Describe it.

Girl Scouts of the USA's guidelines are that the Silver Award should be worked on individually or in groups of 2-4 Cadettes.

***Question 7:**

How many people, including yourself, will earn the Silver Award with this project?

Girl Scout Silver Award projects must address a community need. Examples of your community could include your school, Girl Scout service unit, outreach camp, or where you live.

***Question 8:**

Who is the audience for the project?

The next question is for informational purposes.

Question 9 & 10:

Does your project benefit an organization?

Girl Scouts of the USA's guidelines require that a take action project must be more than a service or collection project.

***Question 11:**

Is the only focus of your project a collection (canned food drive, clothing drive, etc.)?

Girl Scouts are not allowed to raise money for other organizations.

***Question 12:**

Does your project raise money for another organization?

The next questions are for informational purposes.

Question 13:

What category best describes your project topic?

Question 14:

Who is on your project team?

Girl Scouts of the USA's guidelines are that Silver Awards should take approximately 50 hours.

***Question 15:**

How long do you think your project will take?

The next set of questions is for informational purposes.

Question 16:

Please describe your Silver Award Project.

Question 17:

Why does this project matter? What impact will you have on your community?

Question 18:

Who does your project help?

Question 19:

How much will your project cost to implement?

Question 20:

How are you funding your project?