



RECOGNIZING the GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD® RECIPIENTS

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas provides recognition to Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients from the Girl Scout council, Girl Scouts of the USA, the governor of Texas, and the President of the United States. Troop leaders interested in requesting additional congratulatory letters from local and national groups for Gold Awardees may use information provided on this list. Several national government agencies and non-profit organization acknowledge girls who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. Procedures and recognitions vary for each agency.

Each agency will send a congratulatory certificate, card, and/or letter. Be sure to include the girl's name and address in a letter sent so that it will arrive at least one month before the date of any ceremony or event where you will present the certificates.

Note the special instructions for the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For these agencies, councils should only send names of girls who have done an **environmentally** related Gold Award project.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

GSGST requests recognition from the governor of Texas and the President of the United States. Each troop or service unit is responsible for contacting local offices (e.g. Mayor) and additional state offices (e.g. U.S. Senator and Representative) if letters are desired. Be sure to allow enough time for turn-around for ceremonies and give them a summary of the Girl Scout Gold Award so that the letter might be personalized. It is very helpful if you provide these local offices with an explanation of the Girl Scout Gold Award and the girls' projects so that they might personalize letters.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

(Note: send the girl's name and the date that the letter will need to arrive for the Award Ceremony. Make sure that your request is sent so that it arrives at least one month before the date you indicate the letters need to get to you.

Department of the Interior
1849 C Street
NW Washington, DC 20240

(Note: Only send names of girls who have done a Gold Award project related to the environment.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Conservation Training Center
FWS National Girl Scout Program Manager
Division of Education Outreach
698 Conservation Drive, MS-19
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

OR FAX: (304) 876-7231

Note: Only send names of girls who have done a Gold Award project in collaboration with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

National Park Service,
Youth Programs Division (2741)
Girl Scout Coordinator
1849 C Street, NW
Washington DC 20240-0001
OR FAX: (202) 371-2263
(NPS Note: Only send names of girls who have done a Gold Award project in collaboration with NPS

Bureau of Land Management
BLM – EE&V
1620 L Street, NW Suite 406
Washington, DC 20037
OR EMAIL: Carolyn_cohen@blm.gov
(BLM Note: Only send names of girls who have done a Gold Award project in collaboration with BLM. If sending names by post mail send only by UPS or Fed Ex.)

U.S.D.A. Forest Service

USDA Forest Service/CE
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. MS - 1147
Washington, DC 20250-0003
(USFS Note: Only send names of girls who have done a Gold Award project in collaboration with USFS.)

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
(EPA Note: Only send names of girls who have done a Gold Award project in collaboration with EPA.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND ARMED SERVICES

Note: All the armed services further acknowledge the accomplishments of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients by placing them at a higher E-2 level upon entry into military service.

U.S. Department of Defense

OASD (PA) PIA
Girl Scout Coordinator
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington D.C. 20301-1400

U.S. Air Force

HQAFRS/PA (Girl Scout Letter)
550 D. Street W.
Suite 1
Randolph AFB, TX 78150
OR FAX: (210)652-6397

U.S. Army

Contact your local U.S. Army recruiting battalion, or, if none are in your area, call or write the nearest Army recruiting station.

U.S. Marine Corps

CMC U.S. Marine Corps
Girl Scout Coordinator
Two Navy Annex
Washington, D.C. 20380-1775
FAX: (703) 614-5035

U.S. Navy

Contact your local Navy recruiting district. (Call 800-USA-NAVY to get location.)

MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

This is a nonprofit organization of active-duty war veterans that promotes patriotic education.

Military Order of the World Wars

Mr. Mark J. Ferrara, Jr.
435 N. Lee Street
Alexandria, VA 22314 FAX: (703) 6834501

Possible Additional Groups/Individuals to Contact for Appropriate Letters Locally:

Note: Be sure to give the groups information about the Gold Award along with the request.

- ASPIRA, Inc.
- Campus Girl Scouts
- Chamber of Commerce
- Elks Club
- General Federation of Women's Clubs International
- Girls' religious affiliation
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Kiwanis International
- Lions Club International
- LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens)
- MANA—A National Latina Organization
- National Coalition of 100 Black Women
- National Council of La Raza
- PTA
- Rotary International
- School principals
- Soroptimist International
- Special interest groups related to a girl's project, e.g. American Red Cross, Society of Women's Engineers
- Tribal councils
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Zonta International

Planning a Gold Award Ceremony

Here is an outline for a Gold Award Ceremony. You can personalize your ceremony and change the order of events. This is just an example.

- 1: Welcoming remarks.
Girls from troop lead grace.
Meal is served.
- 2: Introduction of honored guests
(These may include the honoree's school principal, pastor, parents, mayor, Gold Award Project advisor, etc.)
- 3: Candlelight ceremony
Each candle represents an age level in Girl Scouts, tells story of how she came to be a Senior Girl Scout
- 4: Address by the Gold Award Project advisor
- 5: Explanation of the Girl Scout Gold Award by Project Advisor or representative from Girl Scout Council
- 6: Description of honoree's Gold Award Project by girl or her leader
- 7: Presentation of the Gold Award pin by city mayor
- 8: Presentation of additional certificates
- 9: Presentation of gifts from other Girl Scout families (led by Service Unit Manager)
- 10: Speech by recipient
- 11: Closing song and/or poem
- 12: Dessert is served.



Girl Scout Gold Award® (14-17)

Pin the Girl Scout Gold Award to the left of the Girl Scout Membership Pin on the blouse or vest. The Girl Scout Gold Award signifies the highest award in Girl Scouting and completion of a Girl Scout Gold Award project.

The Girl Scout Silver Award should be moved to the line reserved for Religious and Other Awards, underneath the official Girl Scout nametag when the Girl Scout Gold Award is earned. It is important, however, that girls wear the awards they consider most important in this area to avoid a cluttered look.