

Council Level Volunteer Girl Scout Gold Award Committee Member

Summary: The Council Gold Award Committee members advise Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors as they plan, propose, implement, and document their Girl Scout Gold Award Projects. The nature of this position requires that the Girl Scout Volunteer be able to, and available to, provide both direct and indirect service to high school aged Girl Scouts.

The Council Gold Award Committee arranges for mentors for each girl who is interested in earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Council Gold Award Committee reviews Girl Scout Gold Award Project proposals, interviewing girls regarding their project proposals; giving advice, approving/denying Gold Award Project proposals in keeping with Girl Scouts of the USA standards.

The Council Gold Award Committee coordinates the decision-making process for approving Girl Scout Gold Award Project final reports in keeping with Girl Scouts of the USA standards.

Term of Appointment: The Council Gold Award Committee member will be appointed for one year, which is renewable upon completion of evaluation processes.

Supervised by: The Council Gold Award Committee reports to the designated Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast Council staff.

Support: The Council Gold Award Committee receives support, guidance and encouragement from council staff.

Responsibilities and Qualifications:

- Be a registered member of the Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Be guided in all actions by the Girl Scout Mission and the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law.
- Be willing to complete the required Girl Scout Volunteer training as listed: Risk Management, Money Earning, and any current GS leader training relevant to the gold award.
- Remain informed about and comply with the most current policies, procedures, guidelines, and standards of GSCCC and GSUSA, including Volunteer Essentials and Safety Activity Checkpoints.
- Be capable of relating to and communicating with high school aged Girl Scouts.
- Demonstrate dependability, honesty, and credibility.
- Remain flexible and tolerant in response to changing situations and environments, and understand and embrace differences and diversity.
- Be able to communicate ideas and facts clearly and accurately in person and through technology.

Mentoring: What Does It Mean?

The goal of the Council Gold Award Committee is to provide each Girl Scout who intends to Go for Gold the guidance that she needs to fully develop a measurable, sustainable Girl Scout Gold Award Project by providing an experienced mentor to assist in her efforts to develop a project concept, to compose and deliver her project proposal, and to work with her as needed to get her through the proposal phase, answering her questions; helping as she navigates the Girl Scouts of the USA Girl Scout Gold Award Guidelines.

Mentoring: Four Ways

Project Concept: Proposal incomplete

Girl Scouts who have submitted Gold Project proposals for review that do not meet Gold Award Standards will be assigned a Council Gold Award Committee member to mentor her, in an effort to assist her in her endeavors to Go for Gold.

- Contact the girl to ascertain the best method of communicating with her.
- Clearly communicate the issues that the Council Gold Award Committee has determined that she needs to address so as to bring her Gold Project Proposal up to Gold Award standards.
- Answer any questions that she and her parent/guardian/project advisor might have.
- Arrange a meeting time and location: Virtual (telephone / email / FaceTime /etc.).
- Meet with the girl to guide her through the process ... this may take more than one "meeting".
- Re-cap each meeting's outcome in a notebook or via email to the committee chair.
- Assist her throughout the process of developing her project concept and composing her Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal.
- Assure her that the Council Gold Award Committee is available to guide her until she has been awarded Girl Scout Gold.

Project Concept: Proposal not developed

Girl Scouts who have expressed the desire to Go for Gold, by contacting the Council Gold Award Committee or council staff, with questions about the Gold Award process and/or feelings of insecurity about how to get started will be assigned a Council Gold Award Committee member to mentor her, to assist her in her endeavors to Go for Gold.

- Contact the girl to ascertain the best method of communicating with her.
- Answer any questions that she and her parent/guardian/project advisor might have.
- Arrange a meeting time and location: Virtual (telephone/email/FaceTime/etc.).
- Meet with the girl to guide her through the process ... this may take more than one "meeting".
- Re-cap each meeting's outcome in a notebook or via email to the committee chair.
- Assist her throughout the process of developing her project concept and composing her Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal.
- Assure her that the Council Gold Award Committee is available to guide her until she has been awarded Girl Scout Gold.

Project Concept: Proposal ready to go

Girl Scouts who have submitted a project proposal via Go Gold app., and have a complete project with no issues. Girl Scout will be granted an interview and assigned Council Gold Award Committee member to mentor her as she progresses through her project plan.

- Contact the girl to ascertain the best method of communicating with her.
- Check in on her progress once a month and report an update to the committee chair via email.
- Answer any questions that she may have.
- Assist her to overcome any road blocks that may occur as her project progresses.

Project Concept: Mini Mentoring Session

This will occur during regular interview/review meetings and not a mentor assignment. Troops and Individual girls may request a mini mentoring session to get them start on the Gold Award Process.



Girl Scout Gold Award Committee

Member Ways We Serve

It is the responsibility of the Council Gold Award Committee provide each Girl Scout who intends to Go for Gold with the guidance that she needs to fully develop a measurable, sustainable Girl Scout Gold Award Project by reviewing her Gold Project Proposal to ensure that the Girl Scouts of the USA Girl Scout Gold Award standards are met. The Council Gold Award Committee also has the responsibility of reviewing each girl's Gold Award Project Final Report according to Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast and Girl Scouts of the United States of America guidelines.

Council Gold Award Committee members serve in the following way:

1. Attend monthly interview/review meetings.
2. Attend the annual full committee meeting.
3. Attend the council's gold celebration event.
4. Answer all emails within 24 to 48 hours.
5. Mentor girls as assigned with a minimum of once a month contact.

Our responsibilities as a committee are:

- To provide 12 interview/review dates per year, via virtual Go to Meetings.
- To provide mini mentoring sessions for Troops and Individual girls.
- To review all GS Gold Award proposals, responding to each proposal, via e-mail, to the Council Gold Award Committee Chair within 24 - 48 hours of receipt. Provide comments and feed back as well as suggestions so the information may be complied and sent to the girl.
- Review National Gold Award Girl Scout Scholarships Applications
- Review any GSCCC Scholarship Applications as requested
- Inform the Council Gold Award Committee Chair should you know a girl who has submitted a GS Gold proposal so we can discuss if you should abstain from comment on her proposal.
- Mentor girls towards earning their Girl Scout Gold Award.
- Respond to all Council Gold Award Committee communication within 24 - 48 hours of receipt.
- Attend the scheduled annual full committee meeting.
- Attend the Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast council Gold Award Celebration yearly.

Girl Scout Gold Award Committee Interest Survey

Please fill out the following and return to the committee via email
gsgoldaward.gsccc@gmail.com

Name: _____

Girl Scout Volunteer Position(s): _____

Contact information: _____

Why do you want to serve on the GSCCC council gold award committee?

What is your experience in working with teen girls? (it is okay if you have none)

Please tell us your interests so we can better pair you with girls for mentoring.

Professional: current/ previous

Hobby: leisure activities

Tell us something about what makes you respond with passion.

Your other interests

