

The Girl Scout Gold Award and the National Young Woman of Distinction Honor

- The Girl Scout Gold Award and the National Young Woman of Distinction honor are the most prestigious recognitions in Girl Scouts.
- The Girl Scout Gold Award, earned by less than 6 percent of Girl Scouts annually, requires girls to demonstrate their leadership skills by tackling a community or global issue.
- Girls typically spend one to two years on their projects and must create long-term sustainability plans that benefit the community.
- Girls Scouts of all ages are top contributors to our community at large, both global and local, and make the world a better place.
- The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes young women who have designed service projects that tackle community issues, either locally or globally, such as poverty, illiteracy, and the environment.
- These remarkable young women are a result of what Girl Scouts offers—programming that develops girls of the utmost courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.
- Each year Girl Scouts chooses, from among an elite group of Gold Award recipients, its prestigious National Young Women of Distinction.
- The National Young Woman of Distinction honor is a special honor that recognizes ten Girl Scout Gold Award recipients each year whose final projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge related to a national or global issue.
- Without question, earning a Gold Award and being recognized as a National Young Woman of Distinction are among the most renowned, challenging, and gratifying things a girl can do in Girl Scouts—and anywhere.
- Only Girl Scouts offers girls this one-of-a-kind opportunity to engage in leadership at the highest levels while taking on an issue they feel passionately about.
- Girl Scout Gold Award recipients rate their general success significantly higher than their peers and report greater success in reaching their goals in many areas:

Higher education and career

--Gold Award recipients stand out in the college admissions process.

--Gold Award recipients earn college scholarships.

--Gold Award recipients enter the military one rank higher than their peers.

Life skills --Gold Award recipients are seen as role models and distinguished leaders. --

Gold Award recipients have masterful time management skills.

Community

--Gold Award recipients turn vision into change.

--Gold Award recipients tackle issues locally and globally, to make the world a better place.

--Gold Award recipients build your community's legacy by implementing sustainable solutions to local problems.

--Gold Award recipients establish support networks to last a lifetime.