# girl scouts
## heart of new jersey
# Silver Award Proposal Rubric

When developing your Silver Award project and writing your project proposal use this rubric to ensure your project meets the standards and requirements of a Take Action Project and the Silver Award.

| | | Does Not Meet Proposal Standard | Met Some Proposal Standards - Needs Improvement | Fully Meets Proposal Standards |
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| **Prerequisites** | | **Silver Award Prerequisites (p.2-5)** | | |
| | Completion of one Cadette Journey | ☐ Not a registered Cadette Girl Scout; not in grades 6-8 <br> ☐ One Cadette Journey and Journey Take Action Project not completed | | ☐ Registered Girl Scout in grades 6-8 <br> ☐ Journey completed including Take Action Project. |
| | Silver Award Training | ☐ Not completed Silver Award training | | ☐ Completed Silver Award training |
| **Tell us about your project plan** | | **The issue the project will address is… (p.5)** | | |
| | Project identifies a community need | ☐ Identified issue is based on girl interests only and not on community need or <br> ☐ Identified issue is already being fulfilled by the community girl intends to serve | | ☐ Identified issue based on credible community need |
| | | **My target audience (who is going to benefit) is… (p.6)** | | |
| | Target Audience is clearly identified and involved in project | ☐ Target audience is not part of the community in the issue's root cause <br> ☐ Project plan designed FOR the target audience versus WITH | ☐ Target audience is part of the community in the issue's root cause. <br> ☐ Project plan slightly benefits the target audience. | ☐ Target audience are clearly identified members of the community in the issue's root cause. <br> ☐ Project plan involves appropriate community members in solution and demonstrates benefit to target audience. |
| | | **A root cause of my issue is… (p.7)** | | |
| | Project identifies a root cause of that community need and plan addresses the root cause | ☐ No root cause identified <br> ☐ Project addresses an immediate need with a short-term/one-off solution. | ☐ Root cause identified <br> ☐ Project plan does not address it | ☐ Root cause is identified <br> ☐ Project plan shows well-constructed approach to address it |
| **Explore Your Community** | | **Girl Scout Silver Award Project (p. 2 & 3)** | | |
| | Project team members are identified | ☐ Self and family only | ☐ Self, family, and Girl Scouts-only OR less than 3 team members | ☐ At least 3 team members, beyond Girl Scout community and family, with skills and knowledge related to the issue |
| | | **Community members who I contacted or partnered with (p.6)** | | |
| | Research has been conducted sources are mentioned | ☐ No research conducted to help shape project | ☐ Research is implied, but no sources provided. | ☐ Some research has been conducted and 1-2 sources are references |

| My / My team's project idea is...(p.7-9) | | | | |
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| **Pick Your Project Plan** | Clear project description | ☐ Project is not clear; plan refers back to issue | ☐ Project is loosely described; it is unclear what will be done | ☐ Project is clearly described and shows a well thought-out approach on how the root cause of the issue will be addressed |
| **Develop Your Project Plan** | Project plan will ensure sustainability | ☐ No idea who will continue project OR the solution can't be maintained following the project (it's a service project) | ☐ Unclear idea of how the project will continue, OR hoping someone else will sustain | ☐ Clear, thoughtful plan that leads to sustainability beyond your involvement |
| | Active leadership role planned and defined | ☐ No information about leadership or personal strengths; does not identify a goal for developing a new skill | ☐ Provides incomplete information about leadership and personal strengths; Partially sets goal to develop new leadership skill | ☐ Describes new skills you plan to learn |
| | Supplies/Donations/ Cost | ☐ Incomplete information about project costs or how those costs will be met<br>☐ Will raise money/fundraise for another organization<br>☐ No explanation OR disregards money earning policy | ☐ Description of project costs is vague, it is unclear how those costs will be met and/or the supplies listed appear inappropriate for the scope of the project<br>☐ Yes, but unclear if following money earning policy | ☐ Detailed description of project costs and clear explanation of how costs will be met.<br>☐ Yes, follows all money earning policies |
| | Project Hours | ☐ No, not aware that each individual team member should spend 50 hours working on their Silver Award project | | ☐ Yes, aware that each individual team member should spend 50 hours working on their Silver Award project and will maintain a time log |

**Tips for a Successful Silver Award Proposal**

· Answer all of the questions **completely and thoroughly** in the the project proposal.

· Write out abbreviations and acronyms for groups and organizations.

· Recruit a Project Advisor to assist with your project. While not required, **a Project Advisor can be very helpful**; typically they're an adult who is an expert on your project topic.

· Have someone else **proofread your proposal before submitting it.**

· Questions?  Contact Awards@gshnj.org

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