

## GSMW Silver Award of the Year FAQs

### 1. What is the GSMW Silver Award of the Year?

Each membership year GSMW will honor one Silver Award project with the GSMW Silver Award of the Year. A membership year starts on 10/1 and ends on 9/30 of the following year.

### 2. How can a Silver Award project be considered for this recognition?

To be eligible for the GSMW Silver Award of the Year, the following criteria must be met:

- A Troop Volunteer or Juliette Mentor must complete the online GSMW Silver Award Training Video scoring a minimum 8/10 on the quiz.
- Each girl on the team must be a registered Cadette Girl Scout in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and, have successfully completed the prerequisite Cadette Journey and its Take Action project.
- A Troop Volunteer or Juliette Mentor must submit the GSMW Silver Award Approval Request. Only one form per project is needed.
- If the project is not immediately approved by GSMW, the Troop Leader or Juliette Mentor works with the Highest Awards Coordinator to rework the Silver Award project so it meets the Silver Award standards set by GSUSA. This step should be girl-led, meaning that the Troop Volunteer/Juliette Mentor can be the point of contact with the Highest Awards Coordinator, but the project is reworked through girl-led team discussions and ideas.
- Each Silver Award team member submits the Silver Award Final Report and Silver Award Time Log by September 30.
  - To be considered for the Silver Award of the Year, the Silver Award, the prerequisite Journey, project approval and project start date do not have to all occur in one membership year. The Silver Award process can span over multiple membership years.
- The Silver Award team submits a 1-2 minute video describing their project and the impact it has made on their community and themselves. The video must be submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Silver Award teams that have completed steps 1-5 will be considered for nomination and reviewed by a committee. The Silver Award of the Year will be announced by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. What if I have already started my Silver Award, can I still be eligible?

Yes! Have your Troop Leader/Juliette Mentor complete the online GSMW Silver Award training and Silver Award Quiz, achieving a minimum score of 8/10. Then complete the GSMW Silver Award Approval Request. The team will have the opportunity to make project adjustments as stated in step 2 above.

### 4. Why is there a pre-approval process for the Silver Award?

It is not required for a Silver Award to be pre-approved by GSMW, however if a project team would like their Silver Award project to be eligible for the Silver Award of the Year recognition, the project will need to be approved by GSMW prior to project execution. GSMW encourages everyone to submit their Silver Award project for pre-approval so that girls and volunteers have an increased understanding of the Silver Award and are better equipped for the Silver Award and the Gold Award project and approval process.

### 5. Where do I find more information about the Silver Award and the GSMW Silver Award of the Year?

Visit [www.gsmw.org](http://www.gsmw.org) or contact us by emailing [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org) or calling 1-800-736-5243.