



Gold Award Girl Scouts 2024-2025

Hazel H. - after moving to Bloomington, IN, Hazel stayed connected with her troop in Missoula, MT and drew from an experience she had with her troop for her Gold Award. Her troop participated in the "Paint the State" mural competition to educate youth about the dangers of first-time drug use. Using her experience and knowledge of the impact that "Paint the State" has in Montana, Hazel implemented the "Indiana Prevention Project." Hazel engaged youth through a website and social media in Monroe and Greene counties to create public art to raise awareness of substance abuse risks. She networked with local organizations, city officials and schools to gain support and established a nonprofit to secure funding to cover project costs and an award for the winning design. A school-based Mural Action Club was created by Hazel to engage students in community art projects and plans were laid with a local business for a second mural contest featuring a graffiti artist. Congratulations Hazel on earning your Girl Scout Gold Award.

Olivia C. of Casper, WY earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by addressing the issue that elementary school teachers often lack training and resources to support autistic students. She partnered with teachers, school counselors and the Child Development Center to create a website covering four main topics: classroom management, sensory needs, communication and IEPs/504s that educators and caregivers can easily use to bridge the gap that can leave autistic children without adequate support and understanding. Olivia also designed and distributed fidget toys with a QR code linking to her website to spread the word.