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Girl Scouts of Northern California - Gold Award Training

What is the Gold Award?

A **Take Action project** containing 5 elements.
The project must
(1) address a root cause of an issue that has
(2) a national and/or global link. Girl Scouts must demonstrate
(3) leadership while also creating a
(4) sustainable and
(5) measurable impact.

We will work through this with your ideas to make it understandable.



Identify Issues you Care About

To solve any problem, you must first identify it. Start by asking yourself what matters most to you.

- Do you find yourself reading articles about endangered species?
- Do you worry about where homeless children sleep at night?
- Do you wish that younger students had a cheerful place to stay after school while waiting for their parents to pick them up?

If so, what connections can you make between the issues that you care about and the issues in your own community?

Start by jotting down some issues that concern you in the following Issues Chart.

You're not choosing your project yet, just tuning in to the topics you care about

Issue Chart:

Issue that Concerns You	Why Is It Important to You?	How Does This Issue Affect Your Community?

Other questions to help you fill out the issues chart:

Do you care about poverty, women's rights, environmental sustainability, health and relationships, animals, human rights, veterans, sports, or something else?

Who do you want to help? The elderly, children, those less fortunate, nature, people with disabilities, or animals?

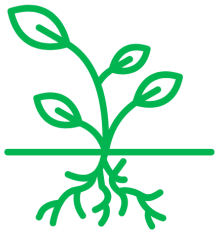
Root Cause?

Choose 1 issue from the page before:

Why is this happening (cause 1)?

Why is cause 1 happening (cause 1.1)?

Why is cause 1.1 happening (cause 1.1.1)?



Project Ideas





What is your National or Global Link

(This list is from the United Nations)

What is your link?

Who will you work with?

Target Group:

Your Team:

Name	How they will help

Organizations:

Organization	Contact	How they will help

How will it be sustainable?

Sustainability means that your project, as well as the work towards addressing your issue, carries on or continues even after you've done your part and earned the Gold Award. In a nutshell: you'll put a plan in place that ensures your Gold Award creates lasting change.

Ideas:

How will it be measurable?

Your impact is measurable when you collect information or data throughout your project and use it to show that your actions have had a positive effect on the community and/or contributed to addressing your issue.
Think about what you can ***count*** in order to measure the effectiveness of your project. This means that you will need to set a goal or two! That way, when you measure your results, you'll know how effective your project was overall. Goals can feel intimidating, but remember, you're setting them for yourself—and they are adaptable.

Goal	How will I measure

What are your next steps?