



Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada recognizes that challenges may arise for Girl Scouts who are eligible and working towards earning their Girl Scout Bronze, Girl Scout Silver and Girl Scout Gold Awards this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Many schools, youth activities and community gatherings have been suspended, which will greatly impact projects.

We want to accommodate and help Girl Scouts overcome these obstacles. To provide flexibility, we are offering a three-month extension for Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to submit final paperwork to council or to [enter final paperwork in GoGold](#). The deadline has been extended from September 30 to December 31, 2020. This is particularly relevant for 5th grade Juniors, 8th grade Cadettes, and 12th grade Ambassadors who will bridge to the next program age level officially on September 30, 2020, and typically would no longer be eligible to earn the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Girl Scouts should have a project identified, a plan in place and be ready to take action no later than September 30, 2020.

- 5th grade Juniors should have an approved proposal on file with their councils or be on Step 6 of their Bronze Award by September 30, 2020
- 8th grade Cadettes should have an approved proposal on file with their council or be on Step 7 of the Silver Award by September 30, 2020
- 12th grade Ambassadors should have an approved Gold Award proposal on file with their council by September 30, 2020

Graduating 12th grade Ambassadors should plan to have an adult membership in order to use the extension. We want every girl or adult to be a member if they are working on a Girl Scout activity. A Girl Scout membership not only provides activity insurance, but also ensures there is no disruption to the council/national structure and support Girl Scouts offers.

It will take time to acclimate to these new challenges, but when girls are ready, we are here to help and encourage them to problem solve and adjust how they plan and implement their projects, rather than put their projects on hold. We understand that barriers will arise and vary girl to girl, but we are here to help in any way that we can.

Please reach out to girlscoutshelp@gssn.org if you would like to discuss your Highest Awards' project and you will be connected with the Girl Awards Team.