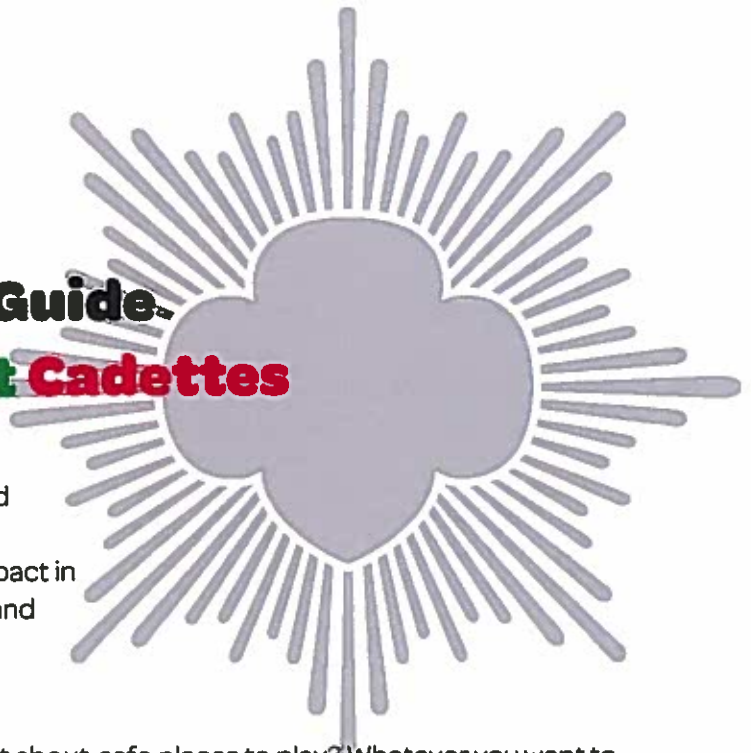


Silver Award Quick-Start Guide for Girl Scout Cadettes



Step One: Go On a Cadette Journey

Discover, Connect and Take Action! with the skills you learned completing your Journey. The Journey will help you build the courage, confidence, and character you need to make an impact in your community. It also helps you learn how to take the lead and work as a member of a team.

Step Two: Identify Issues You Care About

What concerns you? Is it litter? Animals without homes? What about safe places to play? Whatever you want to change about the world around you, focus on that. What you care about impacts your behavior and how you interact with your environment and with others.



Step Three: Gather A Team or Go Solo!

You can earn your Silver Award as a member of a team, or by yourself. Whatever floats your boat. The Silver Award project takes about 50 hours to complete. If you do decide to earn it as a team, make sure your project is large enough for everyone to complete 50 hours of creating, planning, and taking action. Remember that your team should be no larger than four girls!

Step Four: Explore Your Community

Look around your community for problems that need a solution. Keep in mind the issue you identified during Step Two. Once you know the problem you want to solve, figure out what causes the problem. Think about ways that you can solve the problem you have identified.

Step Five: Pick Your Take Action Project

Complete the Silver Award Online Approval Tool on our website, www.gscnc.org, under About > Our Program > Highest Awards > Silver Award. When completed, print out your project approval. Next, work with your leader to review and provide final approval to start your project.

Step Seven: Make A Plan and Put It into Motion

Create a list of what needs to be done, how you want to do it and figure out who will be doing what. If you're on a team, everyone needs a role and responsibilities. Decide on date for each task to be completed. Keep records as you complete the tasks and if a task requires follow-up, write those items into the plan too. If a task takes more time than you planned, do not be discouraged. Great plans take time!

Step Six: Develop Your Project

Find a community advocate who is already working to solve the problem you picked in Step Four. Ask this person to be your Silver Award Project Advisor. This will be great practice for the Gold Award. This person can help answer questions about your issue and provide feedback for your project idea.

Step Eight: Reflect, Share Your Story, and Celebrate

Celebrate your accomplishment! You met the challenge and made a difference in your world!

For more information, please see the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for Cadettes*.

