



## ***Benefits of Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award®***

- The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting. A national award, with national standards, it represents girls' time, leadership, creativity and effort contributed to making their community better.
- The Girl Scout Gold Award projects themselves solve community issues and improve lives.
- The Girl Scout Gold Award process creates assets for the community and the future.
- A young woman who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award has become a community leader. Her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart.
- An increasing number of colleges and universities have recognized the achievements leadership abilities of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients by establishing scholarship programs for them. Although Girl Scouts of the USA does not award scholarships to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, GSUSA does publish the Scholarships for Girl Scouts Directory, which lists these schools. Copies of the directory are available at Girl Scout councils and online at the [www.studio2b.org](http://www.studio2b.org).
- Girls who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award often enter the four branches of the United States Armed Services at an advanced level and salary, having been recognized for their level of leadership shown in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- The achievements of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are acknowledged by many government and non-profit organizations.
- Many state and local organizations also acknowledge the recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- Girls completing their Girl Scout Gold Award may apply their service hours to the President's Volunteer Service Awards at the Bronze, Silver or Gold levels. (<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>)