

## Silver & Gold Awards Process

### Silver Award

Girl Scouts – Homestead Council does not approve Silver Award projects. Silver Award final reports will be accepted at anytime throughout the year.

**In order to participate in the Council’s Silver & Gold Awards Ceremony, final paperwork must be in the Council office by 5:30 PM CST on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Absolutely NO exceptions will be made. Should you miss the final deadline, you will still receive a Silver Award but will need to wait a year to participate in the ceremony.**

### Gold Award

Girl Scouts - Homestead Council will accept Gold Award project proposals and final reports at anytime throughout the year. The Gold Award Committee meets every other month (specific meeting dates are listed below). Two weeks prior to each Committee meeting, all proposals and final reports received by the Council will be copied and mailed to Committee members for review. During Committee meetings, the Committee will meet with Gold Award applicants to review and discuss project proposals and final reports. Every applicant is expected to meet twice with the Committee—once after submitting the Gold Award proposal and once after submitting final paperwork. During the first meeting, the Committee will ask applicants to explain their proposals, may ask questions for clarification, provide feedback on each proposal, and make any suggested revisions. During the second meeting, Gold Award recipients will report on what they learned from the Gold Award project, such as what went well and what they would do differently. They will also learn about ways they can stay involved in Girl Scouting into adulthood.

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It is the role of the Gold Award Committee to review every Gold Award proposal, to provide feedback to each applicant, and to ultimately approve or deny proposals. At times the Committee may see potential in a proposal but request changes before approval is granted. Please give yourself enough time to work through this entire process. When creating your timeline, take into consideration that the Committee may require revisions to be made and the re-submission of a new proposal. If you do not allow adequate time, you run the risk of missing the final deadline. **Should you miss the final deadline, you will still receive a Gold Award but will need to wait a year to participate in the ceremony.**

The Gold Award Committee meets every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The months the committee meets are January, March, May, July, September, and November.

### 2007/2008 Meeting Dates and Deadlines

<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Proposal Deadline</b>
September 9, 2007	5:30 PM, August 24, 2007
November 11, 2007	5:30 PM, October 26, 2007
January 13, 2008	5:30 PM, December 28, 2007
March 9, 2008	5:30 PM, February 22, 2008
May 11, 2008	5:30 PM, April 25, 2008
July 13, 2008	5:30 PM, June 27, 2008
September 14, 2008	5:30 PM, August 29, 2008
November 9, 2008	5:30 PM, October 24, 2008

**May 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 PM CST**

If you want to participate in the Silver & Gold Awards Ceremony, final projects are due in the Council Resource Center. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 PM CST**

Pictures for Council-sponsored newspaper ads are due to the Council for girls earning their Silver or Gold Award.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June**

Silver & Gold Awards Ceremony and Reception. Each Gold Award recipient will be asked to report on her project at the ceremony. We also ask Gold recipients to bring someone who benefited from their work to speak briefly about the project at the ceremony. In addition, Gold recipients will be asked to document their project through pictures, slide shows, PowerPoint, or other means of their choice. Each project will be displayed at the reception, giving others a chance to learn about the project.

*If the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline will be moved to the following Monday.*