



## Project Advisor Agreement

### What is the Gold Award?

The Girl Scouts Gold Award is the highest award girls in grades 9-12 can earn. It recognizes Girl Scouts who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable Take Action Projects that strive to make the world and their communities a better place. In order to earn the Gold Award, Girl Scouts must complete a Gold Award Project.

### What is a Gold Award Project?

A Gold Award Project requires Girl Scouts to create a project that addresses the root cause of an issue of their choosing. Each project is designed to make the community better and create change. They are asked to educate community members, change attitudes and/or behaviors on an issue, and generally improve quality of life. Each Girl Scout must dedicate at least 80 hours to the creation, design, and implementation of a project of her own design.

### Who is a Gold Award Project Advisor?

A Gold Award Project Advisor is chosen by a Girl Scout to help plan and implement their Gold Award Project. A Gold Award Project Advisor is someone who is from or works with the chosen community and can offer content expertise. Examples of previous advisors have been but are not limited to agency directors, teachers, social workers, and scientists.

### What does a Gold Award Project Advisor do?

Primary Responsibilities include:

- Partnering with a Girl Scout to support and guide her in their topic area only.
- Providing expertise to answer questions, developing, and implementing project ideas, as they apply to the topic area.
- Understanding the steps of the [Girl Scout Gold Award and the Standards of Excellence](#).\*
- Signing the completed Gold Award Project Proposal that is then submitted and approved by Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts.
- Consulting with the Girl Scout's Gold Award Committee Advisor on the progress of their project. A Gold Award Committee Advisor is a Girl Scout volunteer who advises each girl on project management and works to ensure that requirements for the Gold Award have been met.
- Finalizing the project, by signing off on the Gold Award Final Report to recognize that the Girl Scout should be awarded the Gold Award.

Time Commitment: The time span of the projects vary; average proposal to completion is around 11 months. However, we have seen projects be completed over 3 months to some extending 2 years.

\*Please note that each Girl Scout has a copy available and can share.

**Gold Award Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gold Award Project Advisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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