

What to Expect During the Interview

- ❖ Be prepared for your interview!
 - You are not required to wear a uniform (it's always nice if you do, of course!) but dress appropriately. This is great practice for future interviews!
 - Bring your Gold Award Guideline packet, any research you have done to date, a copy of your proposal, a notebook, pen or pencil, your calendar, and your smile!
 - Come with a good grasp of your Take Action project. The committee does not expect you to have all of the answers- they'll help you work them out.
 - Come with an open mind and ready to be flexible to suggestions from the committee as they may have to help you to expand or slim down the scope of your project.

- ❖ The interview itself:
 - The interview is a casual conversation between you and the Gold Award Mentor Committee.
 - The committee is a group of volunteers who are only there to help you succeed-and because they want to be!
 - The interview itself will take about 15 minutes. You will be asked to describe your project idea: What is the community need? How will you address the root cause? Who can help you succeed? How will your project have a lasting effect? How will you evaluate the outcomes?
 - The committee members will have some questions. You will have some questions. You will brainstorm together to develop a project plan that will be approved.
 - After your initial interview you will be asked to step out of the room while the committee discusses which mentor will be assigned your project.
 - You will then spend about 15 minutes chatting one-on-one with your assigned mentor.

- ❖ You and your mentor will go over the Project Agreement and Take Action Project Plan.

- ❖ You will leave knowing the next step!