**Gold Award Project Proposal Rubric**

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|  |  | **Does Not Meet Standards** | **Needs Improvement** | **Meets Standards** |
| **Prerequisites** | | | | |
| *Related question in proposal: Prerequisite chart* | | | | |
| **A** | **Completion of two S/A Journeys OR Silver Award and one S/A Journey** | Is not a registered Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout; not in grades 9–12  Has not completed two Senior/Ambassador Journeys or the Cadette Silver Award and one Senior/Ambassador Journey | | Is a registered Girl Scout in grades 9–12  Has completed two Senior/Ambassador Journeys or the Cadette Silver Award and one Senior/Ambassador Journey |
| **B** | **Gold Award Training** | Has not completed the GSCWM Go for Gold Orientation within one year of submitting proposal. | | Has completed the GSCWM Go for Gold Orientation within one year of submitting proposal. |
| **Step 1: Choose an issue** | | | | |
| *Related questions in proposal: My Gold Award aims to address this issue* | | | | |
| **C** | **Project identifies a credible community need** | Identified issue is based on Girl Scout’s interests only and not on credible community need or  Identified issue is already being fulfilled by the community the Girl Scout intends to serve | | Identified issue is based on credible community need |
| *Related question in proposal: The root cause of my issue is* | | | | |
| **D** | **Project identifies a root cause of that community need and plan addresses that root cause** | Did not identifyroot cause  Project addresses an immediate need with a short-term/one-off solution | Identified root cause  Project plan does not address it | Identified root cause  Project plan shows well-constructed approach to address it |
| *Related question in proposal: The target audience(s) for my Gold Award project is/are* | | | | |
| **E** | **Target audience is clearly identified and engaged in project** | Target audience is not part of the community affected by the issue  Project plan is designed FOR the target audience versus WITH | Target audience is part of the community affected by the issue  Project plan marginally benefits the target audience | Target audience is clearly identified members of the community affected by the issue  Project plan engages appropriate community members in the solution and demonstrates benefit to the target audience |
| **Step 2: Investigate** | | | | |
| *Related question in proposal: The reasons I selected my issue are* | | | | |
| **F** | **Research sources are cited and thoroughly investigated** | No validation or research conducted to help shape project | Research is implied, but no sources provided | Some research has been conducted and 1–2 sources are referenced |
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| **G** | **Project identifies national or global link to issue** | No connection to national and/or global issue | Some research or evidence suggests limited connection to national or global issue | Includes broad research and evidence connecting project specifically toa larger national and/or global issue;solution contributes to addressing that issue |
| **Step 3: Get help** | | | | |
| *Related question in proposal: List the names of individuals and organizations you plan to work with on your Gold Award project* | | | | |
| **H** | **Team members are identified** | Self and family only | Self, family, and Girl Scouts only OR less than 3 team members | 3–5 team members, beyond Girl Scout community and family, with skills and knowledge related to the issue, including members of the community impacted by issue |
| *Related question in proposal: Girl Scout Gold Award Project Advisor information* | | | | |
| **I** | **Project Advisor is identified and is an expert** | None selected | Advisor is family member or troop leader/volunteer OR does not have knowledge of selected issue | Advisor has expertise in one or more areas of the selected issue |
| **Step 4: Create a plan** | | | | |
| *Related question in proposal: I will address the root cause by* | | | | |
| **J** | **Clear project description** | Project is not at all described; there is no explanation of what will be done | Project is vaguely described; it is unclear what will be done | Project is clearly described and shows a well-constructed approach on how the root cause of the issue will be addressed |
| *Related questions in proposal: The skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes my target audience will gain are; I will know that my audience has gained the desired skills/knowledge because; Measurement of my project’s success chart* | | | | |
| **K** | **Project will have a measurable impact** | Impact does not relate to issue OR is not defined | Impact is a vague impression OR not realistically measurable | Impact is clearly defined and measurable; there is a clear measurement tool defined |
| *Related question in proposal: My Gold Award project goals are* | | | | |
| **L** | **Project goals are clearly defined and realistic** | No goals identified | Goals lack detail and are not clearly connected to planned project impact | At least one goal is clearly defined and connected to project impact |
| *Related question in proposal: My Gold Award will be sustained by* | | | | |
| **M** | **Project plan will ensure sustainability** | No plan for project to be continued OR the solution can’t be maintained following the project (it’s a service project) | Unclear idea of how the project will continue OR *hoping* someone else will sustain | Clear, thoughtful plan that leads to sustainability beyond the Girl Scout’s involvement |
| *Related question in proposal: I will put my plan in to action by* | | | | |
| **N** | **Timeline is realistic and appropriate** | Confusing or unrealistic plan that is missing key steps and is less than 80 hours | Incomplete project plan that highlights only a few steps and is less than 80 hours | Comprehensive and realistic project plan that highlights all major steps in project and is about or over 80 hours |
| **O** | **Active leadership role planned and defined** | No strategy to lead a team or engage others to help with the project OR project appears driven by an adult | Strategy to engage teammates is limited, includes only assigning minor roles/peripheral tasks | Strategy toengage teammates is comprehensive, outlines specific roles and responsibilities |
| *Related question in proposal: Estimate your project expenses and how you plan to meet those costs* | | | | |
| **P** | **Budget is realistic** | Provides incomplete information about project costs or how those costs will be met  **☐** Plans to raise money/fundraise for another organization | Provides vague description of project costs; it is unclear how those costs will be met and/or the supplies listed appear inappropriate for the scope of the project | Provides detailed description of project costs and clear explanation of how costs will be met |
| **Q** | **Income and money-earning activity explanations** | No explanation OR disregards money-earning policy | Yes, but unclear if following money-earning policy | Yes, follows all money-earning policies |
| *Related question in proposal: The strengths, talents and skills I currently have and will put into action are; The skills I plan to develop as I work towards earning my Gold Award are* | | | | |
| **R** | **Leadership development** | Does not include information about leadership or personal strengths; does not identify a goal for developing a new skill | Provides incomplete information about leadership and personal strengths; partially sets goal to develop new leadership skill | Describes new skills to be developed |
| *Related question in proposal: I will let others know about my Gold Award by promoting via* | | | | |
| **S** | **Tell the World: Plan to actively share project** | Incomplete information | | Identifies the methods to be used for sharing the Gold Award project |
| **Step 5: Present plan and get feedback** | | | | |
| *Plan presented to Gold Award Committee for feedback after proposal submitted in GoGold.*   * The Gold Award Committee (GAC) will assign a Volunteer GAC Mentor for each Candidate after the Initial Interview. * The Mentor and Candidate will consider the feedback from the GAC and complete the Gold Award Rubric together. * The Mentor will approve the Project Proposal and send both the completed Gold Award Rubric and Approval Letter to GSCWM for the Candidate’s file. * The Candidate and Mentor will review the Rubric frequently as the Candidate works on the project to insure that all GSUSA standards are met before the Candidate submits the Final Report. * The Candidate ***must*** maintain communication with the Mentor ***at least once a month*** throughout the project. * After the Candidate submits the Final Report in GoGold, the GAC will conduct a Final Review with the Candidate, using the Rubric, to determine whether the national standards have been met and the project is approved. * If the GAC does not approve the Final Report, the Candidate may begin the Appeal Process. | | | | |
| **Additional Feedback (use this space for additional comments from the GAC, Mentor, and the Candidate):** Click here to enter additional feedback. | | | | |
| **Project Designation:**  **Approved**: Meets or exceeds standards in all categories  **Needs Improvement:** Needs improvement in majority of categories; may have a few in meets/exceeds standards, or a few that do not meet standards *-OR-* majority of categories meet/exceed standards, but several categories do not meet standards  **Does Not Meet Standards:** Majority of categories do not meet standards; may have a few categories that meet/exceed standards | | | | |