

# Awards & Programs for Girl Scouts 11-17

## American Indian Youth Award

Any registered member of the Girl Scouts of the USA between 12 and 17 years of age, of any race or ethnicity, is eligible to work toward the American Indian Youth Award Certificate. Girls who are of American Indian descent, who have met the requirements for the certificate, and have attended the annual seminar are eligible to compete for the American Indian Youth Award Silver Medallion. For more information see: <http://www.americanindianscouting.org>



## Apprentice Trainer

The Apprentice Trainer's Pin represents completion of training requirements at the apprentice level. A girl must be 15 years old, or in the tenth grade, to wear it.



## Bridge to Girl Scouts 14-17

Girls 11-14 complete activities for this award to prepare for Girl Scouting for girls 14-17.



## Challenge 3: Girl Scouts 11-17

### Courage, Character, and Confidence

Demonstrate courage, character, and confidence in everything you say and do. Is your "C" level off the charts or barely visible? Since Girl Scouts is all about confidence, courage, and character, you're already on the right track. Now take your C's for a test drive with THE CHALLENGE.

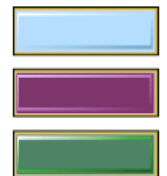


## Community Service Bars

Community service bars stand for completion of training by a community service organization and 25 hours of service. They include the Community Service Bar for girls 11-14 (light blue); Community Service Bar for girls 14-17 (burgundy); and Community Service Bar for Contributions to Girl Scouting for girls 11-17 (green).

You can only earn one Community Service Bar for Contributions to Girl Scouting (green) in your Girl Scout career. There are two steps involved in earning this award:

1. Select an organization in which you would like to work (this is Girl Scouts for the Contributions to Girl Scouting award). They must train you for a minimum of four hours. Your Council must approve of both the organization and the training they propose.
2. Commit to and do a minimum of 25 hours of service to the organization.



## Cookie Pin

The Cookie Pin can be earned each year when participating in cookie sale activities. Use the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program Activities Guide to determine each year's required activities.



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## Councilor-in-Training (CIT)

The GSUSA Glossary definition for CIT is “A girl who has completed grade 10 or above and who is taking a Counselor-in-Training course to learn outdoor group leadership skills. Also the name of the project the Counselor-in-Training does to earn her title. Specified hours of hands-on training in camping skills and outdoor education and about a two-week internship with an experienced counselor.” The pin indicates completion of a council Counselor-in-Training course in specific leadership skills. The CIT Award recognizes completion of a required Counselor-in-Training internship. Counselor-in-Training II is an advanced CIT course, allowing a girl to further specialize in an area of her own interest.



## Destinations

Girl Scout activities that fall into one of five different categories—international, outdoor, science, people, or getaways. All destinations events provide an opportunity for individual members to broaden their perspectives and give Girl Scouting an enhanced visibility. Learn more about STUDIO 2B destinations and get information about upcoming events on-line at <http://www.studio2b.org/escape/destinations/>

## Discover the World Patch

The Discover the World Patch is focused on intercultural exploration and budget travel. Girl Scouts ages 11-17 can complete this participatory patch by working with any Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels (HI-AYH) hostel or council. There are also opportunities to be part of hostelling and earn a patch right from your own home. See

[http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_central/insignia/online/participation\\_patches/discover\\_world/](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/online/participation_patches/discover_world/)



## Get with the Land Patch

Linking Girls to the Land (LGTTL) is an interagency partnership between Girl Scouts of the USA's Elliott Wildlife Values Project and federal natural resource agencies. Girl Scouts 11-17 are eligible to wear the Get with the Land Patch and receive an official certificate of appreciation when they complete the patch criteria. The patch order form, certificate, and more information about LGTTL are available through your local council and are also downloadable from the LGTTL Web site at [www.epa.gov/linkinggirls](http://www.epa.gov/linkinggirls) or

[http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_central/insignia/online/participation\\_patches/getwithland/](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/online/participation_patches/getwithland/)



## Girl Power!

This is a participation patch program where each booklet focuses on the importance of developing "Girl Power"—lifelong habits for mental, physical and emotional health and fitness. Age level booklets and patches can be purchased from your Girl Scout council or from Girl Scouts USA.



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## Girl Scouts Against Smoking

This is a participation patch program to help girls learn about the detrimental effects of smoking. Age level booklets and patches can be purchased from your Girl Scout council or from Girl Scouts USA.



## Gold 4B's Charm

- \* Become: Assessment of skill set and setting and achieving two goals related to self-improvement.
- \* Belong: Create a community profile to find out more about the community needs and assets.
- \* Believe: Create a vision for change by focusing on community needs. Come up with an actual vision statement for one's Girl Scout Gold Award project based on challenge focusing.
- \* Build: Focus on developing a specific network of people who might help with the vision.
- \* Use page 18 in STUDIO 2B Focus: Write Now on building persuasive skills to help convince others to support your position on this issue.



Note: Hours spent on the Gold 4Bs Challenge can be applied to the Gold project hours. See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Gold Award Go For It!" for more information.

## Gold Award: Highest Award for Girls Ages 14-18

See requirements on the Girl Scout web site at <http://www.girlscouts.org/>  
See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Gold Award Go For It!" for more information.



## Gold Career Award Charm

- \* Do a total of 40 hours related to career exploration.
  - \* Or, Fast Track it with a paying job or your own business.
- See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Gold Award Go For It!" for more information.



## Gold Leadership Charm

- \* Earn three Girl Scout Interest Project awards related to parts of the Girl Scout Law.
  - \* Set goals and earn the charm for the STUDIO 2B Focus book of your choice.
  - \* Log 30 hours in a leadership role.
- See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Gold Award Go For It!" for more information.



## Issues for Girl Scouts

This is a series of booklets and participation patches on issues relevant to girls by age level (labeled Cadette or 11-14, Senior or 14-17, or both). Age level booklets and patches can be purchased from your Girl Scout council or from Girl Scouts USA.

Connections  
Girls are Great!  
In the Zone: Living Drug Free  
Media Know-How  
Read to Lead

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## Leader-in-Training (LIT)

The GSUSA Glossary definition for LIT is “A 14-17-year-old-girl taking a Leader-in-Training course to learn group leadership skills. Also the name of the project the Leader-in-Training does to earn her title, which requires commitment to: eight to 10 hours of instruction, three to five hours of troop/group observation, and an internship under a specially trained mentor leader.” The pin indicates completion of a council Leader-in-Training course in specific leadership skills. The LIT Award indicates completion of a required Leader-in-Training internship.



## Ms. President Patch

Girl Scouts of the USA developed the Ms. President Patch Program in cooperation with The White House Project. The Ms. President patch is a participation patch, which does not require girls to complete a specific number of activities. To earn the patch, girls at each age-level participate in any number of activities they choose, but they must do one activity from each section: Her Story, Leadership, Roads to the White House, and On the Campaign Trail. For more information, see: [http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_central/insignia/online/participation\\_patches/ms\\_president/ms\\_president\\_11\\_17.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/online/participation_patches/ms_president/ms_president_11_17.asp)



## Program Aide (PA)

The GSUSA Glossary definition for PA is “A 11-17-year-old-girl who works directly with a troop/group under the supervision of an adult volunteer. The Program Aide is required to attend training sessions where she gains expertise in a particular field of interest, such as science, computers, or song leading.” Currently, the Councils in New Mexico will only train girls that have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. The Program Aide Pins for Girls 11-14 (grey) and for Girls 14-17 (yellow) signify completion of approximately 10 hours of training in a specific program area at each age level. Specialized training is often completed in areas such as crafts, science, outdoor skills, or songs and games as well. The Program Aide awards recognize completion of 25 hours of Program Aide service at the 11-14 or 14-17 age-level. The Award for girls 11-14 has silver letters; the one for girls 14-17 has yellow letters.



## Religious Awards

Religious awards are created by the various religious groups to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. Girl Scouts recognizes these programs and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform. Contact your religious leaders or visit [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org) for more information.



## Safety Award for Girl Scouts 11-17

Safety is a vital part of being a Girl Scout, and it is key that girls learn to think about safety in other areas of their life. Girl Scouts ages 11-17 are partners in making sure they and their group follow practices outlined in Safety-Wise. Girls learn about safety as they work toward this award.



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## Shape Up!

This is your year! The year you shape UP! You'll feel better, look better, and have lots more energy for fun. So get off the couch, toss the 32-ounce can of soda, and give your mouse a break! For more information, see:

[http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_central/insignia/online/participation\\_patches/shape\\_up/](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/online/participation_patches/shape_up/)



## Silver 4B's Charm

\* Become: Set goals for self-improvement.

\* Belong: Earn the charm from the STUDIO 2B Focus book: Looking in, Reaching Out.

\* Believe: Identify an issue in school or community that you feel strongly about. Find out more about it. Use your voice to address it.

\* Build: Focus on coming up with a solution to address a problem.

Note: Planning hours for the Silver 4Bs Challenge may be applied to the Girl Scout Silver project hours.

See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It!" for more information.



## Silver Award: Highest Award for Girls 11-14

See requirements on the Girl Scout web site at <http://www.girlscouts.org/>

See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It!" for more information.



## Silver Career Exploration Charm

\* What's Out There? Find out about career options.

\* Who's Out There? Talk to a college student about classes she/he is taking. Talk to three adults about their careers.

\* Be Your Own Boss—Earn "Your Own Business" Interest Project Award

See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It!" for more information.



## Silver Leadership Charm

\* Earn three Interest Project Awards related to parts of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

\* Earn the STUDIO 2B Focus: uniquely me! The Real Deal charm.

\* Put leadership into action: spend 15 hours in a leadership role.

See the Studio 2B Insert "Girl Scout Silver Award Go For It!" for more information.



## Ten Year Award

Girls who have been members of Girl Scouts for ten years before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday are eligible to wear this pin.



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## Water Drop Patch

This project was jointly developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC). The purpose of this participation patch is to encourage girls to become watershed and wetlands stewards and to educate others about valuable water resources. See [http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_central/insignia/online/participation\\_patches/water\\_drop/](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/online/participation_patches/water_drop/)



## Other participation patch programs are available.

See the Insignia List for Girls 11-17 at the Girl Scout Central Website [http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_central/insignia/list/11\\_17.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/list/11_17.asp) or the Girl Scout on-line shopping mall.