

Earning the Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award

If you're a Senior Girl Scout, you may soon bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador, the highest level in Girl Scouting. Think you're ready to move up? Then you can earn a Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award by: Exploring...as you look forward...Reflecting...as you look back...Investigating...as you look around. Complete Steps One and Two to earn the award, then celebrate with a bridging ceremony.

Step One: Look Forward, Look Back, Look Around

Investigate at least one item in each of these three categories. Or, do them all if you want! Dive in alone or with a group, but be sure to express something specific about you.

Look Forward—Who's an ambassador?

Explore answers by yourself, with Girl Scouts, adults, family, or friends.

- What's the meaning of the word ambassador?
- What traits must a good ambassador have? Which of these traits do you have?
- How do you see yourself living up to the distinction of being a Girl Scout Ambassador?

Look Back—What are you proud of?

Reflect on your own or reminisce with Girl Scouts, adults, family, or friends.

- As a Girl Scout Senior, what were your accomplishments? What challenges did you overcome?
- How did you team with others—girls, adults, women in the community, country, or overseas--to make the world a better place?
- Leadership is different for everyone. What's your definition of leadership? How would you describe your leadership style?

Look Around—What matters to you?

Investigate with Girl Scout Ambassadors, adult volunteers, council staff, family, or friends.

- What activities or experiences do Girl Scout Ambassadors get to enjoy? Identify and engage others who could help communicate your findings.
- What topics appeal to you in the leadership journeys or other resources for Girl Scout Ambassadors? Then describe the steps to turn your interest into an Action Plan.
- Got something to say? Find out where Girl Scout Ambassadors can express their opinions. Then advocate for something you feel strongly about.

Step Two: Put It All Together

Now it's time to get creative and inspire others with what you have learned.

Choose a form of expression from the list below...or come up with your own. As with the questions above, explore individually or with a group but be sure to express something about you.

Make your pursuit as big or as small as you like, based on the form of expression you choose. Decide who you want to inspire: your Girl Scout friends or younger girls? Potential Girl Scouts or volunteers? Kids at your school? Your teachers? Pick a group, share, and shine!

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| • Design a scrapbook | • Start a Take Action project |
| • Write and perform a song | • Design or style clothing |
| • Create a digital or print photo collage | • Write a story, essay, article, or poem |
| • Perform a skit | • Give a PowerPoint presentation |
| • Make a video | • Think like an engineer--design something three-dimensional |
| • Design a web site (or web page or blog) | • Hold a workshop |
| • Write a letter | • Work on a résumé |
| • Draw, paint, sculpt, or photograph | • Write and present a funny commercial |
| • Host a Girl Scout or community meeting, especially one that includes younger Girl Scouts | • Your idea _____ |

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Celebrate

Celebrate by designing your own bridging ceremony to Girl Scout Ambassadors. For more about Girl Scout Bridging ceremonies, visit http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp.

The Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award has been developed in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Northern California.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OUTCOMES

BRIDGE TO GIRL SCOUT AMBASSADOR AWARD

Leadership Outcomes

At the Senior Level, Girls...

Bridging Activities

Sample Sign When the Outcome Is Achieved, Girls Might...

Discover

Girls develop a strong sense of self

Are better able to recognize the multiple demands and expectations of others while establishing their own individuality

- Explore as you look forward
- Reflect as you look back
- Investigate as you look around
- Get creative. Choose a form of expression and inspire others with what you have learned.

- What's the meaning of the word ambassador?
- What traits must a good ambassador have? Which of these traits do you have?
- Leadership is different for everyone. What's your definition? How would you describe your style?

- Express the meaning of ambassador as it relates to their upcoming roles as Girl Scout Ambassadors.
- Articulate their own traits or characteristics that relate to being an ambassadors.
- Express their own beliefs and can describe the traits they possess.

Girls develop positive values

Strengthen their own and others' commitment to being socially, politically, and environmentally engaged citizens of their communities

- How do you see yourself living up to the distinction of being a Girl Scout Ambassador?

- Articulate and demonstrate what they learned about their own values or an impact they made on others' values.

Girls seek challenges in the world

Demonstrate increased enthusiasm for learning new skills and expanding existing ones

- As a Girl Senior, what were some of your accomplishments? What challenges did you overcome?
- What topics appeal to you in the leadership journeys or other resources for Girl Scout Ambassadors? Then describe the steps to turn your interest into an Action Plan.

- Express enthusiasm over accomplishments. Express confidence to take on new challenges.
- Offer ideas for exploring a new interest.

Connect

Girls promote cooperation and team building

Strengthen their abilities to build effective teams to accomplish shared goals

- How did you team with others—girls, adults, women in the community, country, or world to make the world a better place?
- What activities or experiences do Girl Scout Ambassadors get to enjoy? Identify and engage others who could help communicate your findings.

- Articulate how diverse people worked together and what part they played in team-building.
- Identify skills for building effective teams.

Take Action

Girls advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally

Use advocacy skills and knowledge to be more active on behalf of a cause, issue, or person, locally or globally

- Got something to say? Find out where Girl Scout Ambassadors can express their opinions. Then advocate for something you feel strongly about.

- Report increased knowledge about how planning boards, committees, delegations, editorials, etc., function. Become active on a committee or express an opinion to a committee. Initiate or deliver a Take Action project that involves a civic, school, or Girl Scout effort.