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Young Women of Distinction 2011



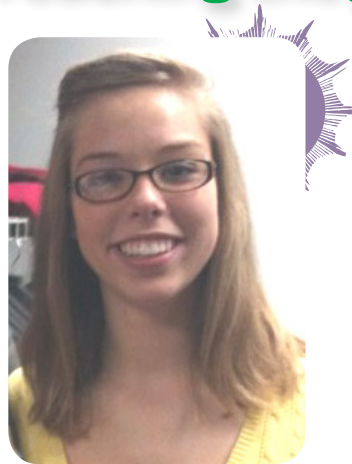
The Girl Scout Gold Award: The Highest Achievement in Girl Scouting



Congratulations on reaching the gold!



Haley Rodgers is a junior at East High School in Anchorage and has been a Girl Scout since 1st grade. Haley's combined passion for community service and medicine led her to expand a medical supply recycling program to a new surgical center in Anchorage. The program allows for usable supplies to reach developing countries, keeping them out of our landfills and putting them in the hands of those in need.



JoEllen Walters is a senior at Chugiak High School in Eagle River. JoEllen recognized that many people did not know how to properly dispose of prescription medications and partnered with local agencies and pharmacies to publicize a Rx Drug Take Back event in the Anchorage Bowl.



Kristina Emmerson is graduating this year from Kodiak High School and has been a Girl Scout since she was a Brownie. She organized a co-ed self-help group for middle and high school students to discuss abusive romantic relationships. During the meetings students also made quilts which were given to the Kodiak Women's Crisis and Resource Center.

Anna Engvall and **Shirлие Morin** are juniors at Kodiak High School and have been Girl Scouts since Kindergarten. Both drafting students, they were looking for a way to apply their skills to benefit the community. The Kodiak Animal Shelter had a need for blueprints and instructions for dog houses to use with volunteer groups. Anna and Shirлие researched and developed the plans and organized a pet fair to bring awareness to responsible pet ownership.



Girl Scout Gold Award The Highest Award for Girls, Ages 14-18

Since 1916, The Gold Award, Girl Scout's highest award has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere. Girls who pursue their Gold Award aspire to transform an idea and vision for change into an actionable plan with measurable, sustainable and far-reaching results.

For many, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from "going for the Gold" set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship. An increasing number of colleges and universities as well as many government and non-profit organizations have recognized the achievement leadership abilities of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients.

The Gold Award Project

The Gold Award project is the culmination of all the work a girl puts into "going for the Gold."

- Something that a girl can be passionate about – in thought, deed, and action that encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills
- Fulfills a need within a girl's community (whether local or global)
- Creates change that has the potential to be on-going.

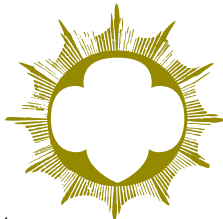
The Girl Scout Silver Award

symbolizes an 11- to 14-year-old Girl Scout's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities as she matures and works to better her life and the lives of others.



The Girl Scout Bronze Award

recognizes that a Girl Scout Junior has gained the leadership and planning skills required to follow through with a project that makes a positive difference in her community.



The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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A Tradition of Honoring Girls

The Golden Eagle of Merit, the highest award in Girl Scouting from 1916 to 1919, marked the beginning of a long tradition of using prestigious awards to recognize girls who make a difference in their communities and in their own lives.

From 1940 to 1963, the Curved Bar Award was the highest honor in Girl Scouting. From 1963 to 1980, First Class was the highest award.

To achieve First Class meant that a girl was an "all-around" person with some skills in many fields and a proficiency in one.



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