

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!

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

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