

High Award Take-Action Hours Guidelines



Gold Award



Silver Award



Bronze Award

Each of the High Awards have minimum hour requirements. These hours all must be individually met by the Girl Scout(s) completing the project. **Bronze: 20 hours, Silver: 50 Hours, Gold: 80 Hours.** If your project does not meet the required hours, then you may need to broaden the scope of your project. It is important to note that the completion of a project is not solely measured by this hour requirement. If you have completed the required number of hours but your project is not complete, then you will need to continue working.

You may be wondering, what counts towards my minimum hour's requirement? Below are some examples of ways you can and cannot write for your hours.

Things that **CAN** count towards your hours:

- Research you conduct about your issue, root cause, or solution.
- Time you spent enacting your plan, whether that is building a structure, leading a workshop, facilitating an event, etc.
- Time spent leading your team, such as recruiting/training volunteers, delegating tasks, etc.
- Time spent doing approved Money-earning activities or acquiring materials. This can be around 10% of your project hours. (Remember, money-earning is not your actual project.)
- Time spent publicizing your project to the community.

Things that **CANNOT** count towards your hours:

- Time completing High Award pre-requisites (Journeys, trainings, etc).
- Time spent writing your reports, proposals, etc.
- Time spent participating in Girl Scout Product Sales, even if you are participating in them to earn money for your high awards project.
- Time spent traveling to and from different locations you may need to visit for your project 9.
- Including, but not limited to driving and flying)
- Time your team of volunteers spend working on your behalf.
- Time your teammates spent working on tasks that you did not help with.

This list is by no means exhaustive, but it shows some common examples.

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