

girl scouts  
of historic georgia



Gold Award  
**Yearbook**  
2025

# Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

# 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.

# 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.

*\*Members may substitute for the word God  
in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.*

# The Girl Scout Gold Award

The Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn—and it's no small feat. It recognizes the perseverance, grit, and leadership of Girl Scouts who tackle real issues, drive meaningful change, and leave a lasting impact on their communities.



Gold Award Girl Scouts are rock stars, role models, and real-life heroes. They use everything they've learned as a Girl Scout to solve a problem and address some of the most pressing issues facing their communities.

Along the way, they're supported by a team of trusted adults and community leaders who guide and mentor them through each step of the process. There's no other program like it.

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is proud to celebrate our 2025 Gold Award Girl Scouts—22 remarkable young women who have earned this prestigious honor. Together, they've contributed thousands of hours to girl-led projects that address critical issues at the local, national, and global level.

Meet this year's class of Gold Award Girl Scouts and see how they changed the world.

## Kaylee Asante

Columbus, GA | Troop 50387

### *Healthy Growing*

Kaylee's project tackled food insecurity by promoting home gardening as a sustainable solution. She reached over 100 teachers, students, and parents through engaging presentations and social media, highlighting how growing fruits and vegetables can combat limited grocery access and fast-food reliance. Her project sparked awareness and inspired healthier living across her community.

## Maya Barboza

Richmond Hill, GA | Troop 30665

### *Fish Diversity in Reefs*

During a recent trip, Maya noticed dying reefs and declining fish diversity, sparking her concern about overfishing and ocean acidification. She researched the issue, created a presentation for students of all ages, and advocated for declaring reefs a protected entity. Maya analyzed data from professional divers and published her findings on the SCUBAnauts International website, raising awareness about the urgent need for reef protection.



Kaylee



Maya

## Hope Bodley

Midland, GA | Troop 50328

### *Operation Targeting Stress*

Hope's Gold Award project used archery to help teens manage stress and build confidence. Through a new range, hands-on training, and community outreach, she showed how archery promotes focus, resilience, and healthy outdoor activity—offering a powerful tool for both mental and physical well-being.

## Emory Bryant

Columbus, GA | Troop 50387

### *Lighting Up Literacy*

Emory created a two-week program to spark a love of reading in elementary-aged kids, countering the effects of growing digital media use. Held at the AJ McClung YMCA Summer Day Camp with 20 participants, the program featured fun, interactive activities like small-group reading and Mad Libs. By exploring different reading styles and highlighting the joy of storytelling, Emory showed that reading can be both meaningful and fun.



Hope



Emory

## **Katie Casey**

Richmond Hill, GA | Troop 30426

### ***Children's Mental Health: A Different Point of View***

Katie created a film to highlight the mental health challenges faced by youth in the foster care system. Through powerful storytelling and real-life perspectives, her film raises awareness, educates communities, and inspires meaningful change. By shedding light on these often-overlooked struggles, Katie hopes to improve support systems and deepen understanding of the hurdles these youth face.

## **Mandi Gills**

Ellabell, GA | Troop 30447

### ***Diaper Distribution Service***

Mandy saw a need to help young mothers obtain diapers for their babies. She created an infomercial to send through different social media platforms to raise awareness and set up donation centers to collect diaper donations. Mandy then took the donations and wrapped bundles of the diapers for distribution and handed them to families in need.



Katie



Mandi

## Ellis Greer

Macon, GA | Troop 60043

### *Game Day for Halo Group*

Ellis' Gold Award Project aimed to create an inclusive space for individuals with disabilities. She provided Halo Group with a portable bocce ball set, corn hole, and shaved ice, offering them a fun, engaging experience. Additionally, she created a practice area for residents to prepare for the Special Olympics, fostering a sense of belonging. Through the project, Ellis also built personal connections with the residents of Halo.

## Sanaa Hicks

Columbus, GA | Troop 50387

### *Nourish Together*

Sanaa designed a program that sought to address the nutritional education gap among low-income and middle-class families. By providing accessible, culturally relevant resources and education, the program aimed to dispel misconceptions about the cost and complexity of healthy eating. It empowered families to make informed choices and implement healthier habits into their daily lives.



Ellis



Sanaa

## Lauren Houston

Lakemont, GA | Troop 10186

### *Horticulture Therapy for Fundamental Therapy*

Lauren designed a therapeutic horticulture sensory garden to provide occupational therapy patients with new opportunities for outdoor activity, food production, and hands-on horticultural therapy. With the support of her troop and local volunteers, she brought this enriching space to life, and it will be open for use this spring.

## Mia Johnson

Macon, GA | Troop 60043

### *Growing Hope*

Mia's Gold Award Project brought the healing power of gardening to the Women's Life Recovery Program. She created a vibrant box garden and provided the women with the seeds, tools, and knowledge needed to nurture it. Along with the garden, Mia shared recipes to help the women make the most of what they grew, offering both a creative and therapeutic outlet for them to enjoy.



Lauren



Mia

## Fiona Leary

Macon, GA | Troop 60043

### ***Breaking Through Barriers at Brookdale***

For her Gold Award project, Fiona created a mental health space at the Brookdale Resource Center to improve well-being among residents. The space included stress-relief tools like weighted blankets, beanbag chairs, and stress toys, along with brochures and posters teaching relaxation techniques and mental health awareness. Fiona aimed to provide a supportive, stigma-free environment where residents could focus on self-care.

## Dolan O'Neal

Crawford, GA | Troop 12057

### ***Save the Sharks***

For her Gold Award project, Dolan created an interactive book to educate and improve perceptions of sharks. Partnering with experts from the UGA Marine Education Center and her local library, she developed the book, which has been praised by scientists and used at summer camps at the Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium in Sarasota, FL.



Fiona



Dolan

# Katyalice Prymula

Rentz, GA | Troop 60108

## ***Cards of Love Volunteer Group***

For her Gold Award project, Katyalice created the Cards of Love Volunteer Group to combat loneliness among elderly residents in retirement homes. Her group visited local homes to play card games and deliver holiday cards, fostering social connections and providing something for residents to look forward to. The project also taught high school students how to communicate with and show patience toward the elderly, making a positive impact on both the residents and the volunteers.

# Maia Puckett

Midland, GA | Troop 50328

## ***Girls in STEM: Inspiring Young Female Engineers and Closing the STEM Gap***

Maia's Gold Award project empowered girls in STEM by offering fun, hands-on lessons in physics, chemistry, and engineering. By creating a supportive space to explore and take on challenges, she built confidence, encouraged teamwork, and helped break down barriers for girls pursuing their passions in science and tech.



Katyalice



Maia

## Sophia Rother

Columbus, GA | Troop 50328

### ***Bird Boxes and Education at Oxbow Meadows***

Sophia's Gold Award project tackled declining bird populations by addressing habitat loss and human impact. She built and installed 12 blue bird houses along Oxbow Meadows' trail for ongoing nesting studies and taught elementary students about protecting native birds, inspiring the next generation of wildlife stewards.

## Isabelle Seward

Bogart, GA | Troop 12196

### ***Bogart Library Story Trail***

Isabelle created a Story Trail behind the Bogart Library to promote childhood literacy and outdoor activity. She installed signposts displaying pages from children's books. The grand opening featured special guest James Dean, creator of *Pete the Cat*, plus crafts, dancing, and a Girl Scout outreach table. The Story Trail continues to draw families with new books and programs throughout the year.



Sophia



Isabelle

## **Julia Traill**

Bishop, GA | Troop 12157

### ***Self-Guided Walking Tour of the Watkinsville Cemetery***

Julia created a self-guided tour of the historic Watkinsville Cemetery, featuring local veterans, prominent families, and Georgia's first female State Representative. She included hand-drawn artwork, a QR code linking to an online visual and voiceover tour for the blind, and a laminated guide. The tour is also accessible on the City of Watkinsville website under the "Cemetery" tab.

## **Alyse Vaillant**

Ellerslie, GA | Troop 50328

### ***Digital Detox Primitive Campout at Camp Robert Lewis***

Alyse's Gold Award project tackled digital addiction head-on. She built a rustic, tech-free campsite for a digital detox weekend, giving teens a break from screens. To help them understand and fight digital addiction, she created an educational packet explaining its causes, effects, and solutions.



Julia



Alyse

## Sydney Williams

Monroe, GA | Troop 13287

### ***New Pet Owner Essentials Kits***

Sydney created New Pet Owner Essentials Kits for the Humane Society of Walton County. Each kit included toys, grooming supplies, bowls, collars, leashes, and information cards to support successful pet adoptions. She partnered with her school's FBLA club to assemble the kits and arranged for the FFA club to continue the effort. Her project helps new pet owners ensure animals start their new lives healthy, happy, and well cared for.

## Paris Wilson

Allenhurst, GA | Troop 30002

### ***Knots for Camp***

Paris created interactive knot-tying stations at Camp Low, each with step-by-step instructions, QR codes linking to GSUSA videos, and practical applications for campers. She also designed six portable kits with rope, a mini knot board, and a guide, making it easy for campers to practice knot-tying anywhere.



Sydney



Paris

## **Eliza Grace Wood**

Macon, GA | Troop 60043

### ***Pickleball Across Georgia***

Eliza Grace's Gold Award project promoted pickleball among youth by teaching beginners, creating tournaments, and advocating for the sport's growth. She established a high school club, organized local events, and served as a youth ambassador for the Habitat Homecourt Pickleball Tournament. Eliza also advocated for pickleball to be sanctioned as a Georgia High School Association sport.

## **Mariah Woolridge**

Atlanta, GA | Troop 50387

### ***Sickle Cell Teen Advisory Board/Support Group***

Mariah's Gold Award project addressed the isolation teens with Sickle Cell Disease often experience by creating a dedicated support network. She connected with over 50 teens through outreach at a summer camp and back-to-school event, sharing a presentation and collecting contact information to spark engagement. By bringing together teens from both her community and beyond, Mariah built a meaningful space for support, connection, and shared understanding.



Eliza Grace



Mariah

# Congratulations to all of our Class of 2025 Gold Award Girl Scouts!

What's next for our future leaders?

## **Graduation Regalia**

Did you know your grad can celebrate in true Girl Scout style? We offer exclusive Girl Scouts caps, gowns, stoles, and tassels for purchase, so your grad can walk the stage with pride! Contact your council shop today to order.

## **Lifetime Membership**

Become a Girl Scout Lifetime Membership for just \$400, or \$200 if you're under 30 or a volunteer with 10+ years of service. Your donation is tax-deductible, supporting girls for years to come!



## **Bridging Savannah's Bridge**

Celebrate all your accomplishments from this year at our supersized bridging ceremony at Talmadge Bridge in Savannah on June 21!



## Support Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia and help girls grow strong!

Before a Girl Scout sails around the world or designs their own fashion line, they need to believe they can do it.

Invest in our local Girl Scouts and make those dreams a reality. Then watch as they discover new interests and chase their dreams—with the pride of knowing you helped make it possible. Donate today!





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