

Money Earning Guidelines for Silver and Gold Award Take Action Projects

You must plan out your project completely in order to develop a realistic budget. Once you have developed all phases of your project, figure out what you need and where you might be able to get it for little or no cost, if possible. Use your influence and leadership skills to come up with ways that you can make a difference that might not include earning money. If that is not successful, research how much it is going to cost if you must purchase items outright, and then decide how you can cover those expenses through money earning activities.

- A. Please submit your **budget** and **money earning plan** with your **completed project proposal** to the Gold Award Committee for approval. Be specific about any businesses you wish to solicit for in-kind donations. The Gold Award Committee will forward this list on to the GSMISTS fund development department for approval. Girls must have participated in the most recent GSMISTS product sales opportunities in order to utilize the money earning activity option.
- B. Submit a “money earning activity form” to the Gold Award Committee for approval before you begin any Money Earning Activities.
- C. The following sorts of money earning activities can be undertaken without additional approval from Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore once your project is approved:
 1. Babysitting/childcare/respice care
 2. Yard work – mowing, raking, snow removal
 3. Light housecleaning
 4. Collecting and returning pop cans or printer ink cartridges
 5. Tutoring
 6. Pet walking and pet care
 7. Plant sitting
 8. Refereeing sports games
 9. Party giving services for younger children(clowning, game leading, magic tricks)
 10. Providing a calligraphy service for addresses on special invitations
 11. Regular Employment
- D. Please remember that your Gold Award Take Action Project **may not** raise funds for another organization
- E. Girls may apply for some specialized youth-only grants. Please contact Mary Hartfield at mhartfield@gsmists.org for information about these grant opportunities and for approval procedures for known grants.
- F. The following activities are not permitted:
 1. Direct solicitation of funds for any reason.
 2. Earning money by passing out flyers for political candidates or endorsing a product or cause.
 3. Selling items on the internet.

Please note: As this document is being developed, GSUSA is exploring a change in some money earning procedures for Take Action Project. When and if there is a change, GSMISTS will distribute notification.