

There are two types of Community Service Bars that Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors can earn: the Community Service Bar and the Community Service Bar for Contributions to Girl Scouting (also known as the Service to Girl Scouting Bar).

The Community Service Bar is awarded in recognition for providing a needed service to people by working with and through an agency already in existence. Agencies selected should be non-profit organizations, public service agencies or educational programs whose stated goals and objectives are similar to Girl Scouts. Girls will complete 20 hours of service to this organization.

The Service to Girl Scouting Bar is awarded when a girl volunteers at least 20 hours to the Girl Scout organization. She could volunteer her time at a special event for younger girls, be an office assistant for the Council or Service Unit, or help with special projects.

Each Community Service Bar can only be earned **once** for each Program Level (Cadette, Senior, Ambassador) and for each level you must seek approval. Your service hours need to be **separate** from those you use toward other awards (Silver or Gold) and should represent a completely **new** project.

Get started by identifying an organization and receive Council approval. Remember the Community Service Bar should not only be linked to an agency where you are making a difference in the community but their work is also addressing an issue you care about. For example, if you care about animals, maybe work with a rescue shelter or if you care about feeding the hungry, you could work with a ministry that has a food pantry. No matter what direction you choose to go, please note that the organization is required to provide some type of training or instructions that they provide to their volunteers.

### **How do I get my agency approved by Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma?**

The Service Bar Application can be found [here](#). Once submitted, you will be notified of whether or not your agency is approved.

Once approved, your Troop Support Specialist will email you the Community Service Bar Log and Summary sheet. Please utilize these so you can log all of your training and service hours. Now start your volunteer work.

### **What do I do when I have completed my service hours?**

Email the completed Community Service Bar Log and Summary to [info@gswestok.org](mailto:info@gswestok.org). The Troop Support team will review it and verify everything is complete. You will then be notified that you have earned the bar and it can be purchased in the shop.