



Girls in Government

The **Girls in Government** patch was created to encourage girls to interface with inspiring female elected officials and learn about career opportunities in public service. The patch artwork was designed by Gianna B. from troop 1783 and is available for purchase at the Girl Scout Shoppe for \$2.00 each.

To earn the Girls in Government patch, Girl Scouts must engage with a female elected official in one or more of the following ways:

- a. **Career Quest** - Either via email, skype interview or in person at her office or a troop meeting, ask the female elected official of your choice about her current job and the path that led her there. In addition, ask her about other available careers in her profession. Brainstorm the questions ahead of time with your troop. After your conversation, write down three things you learned that helped her on her quest to serve her community.
- b. **Community Concerns** - Talk with your troop about your community. Discuss ideas you have to improve your area or a problem that you want to solve, be it beautification of a local space, a community cleanup, a graffiti problem, etc. Work together to write a short proposal to submit to a local female elected official asking for her help (or offering yours!) to make a change in your community.
- c. **Political Process** - In whatever capacity she is accessible to your troop, ask a female elected official to teach you more about the campaign and election process for her position. Teach another troop about what you have learned.

Looking to go further? Check out these other great GSUSA patches at http://www.girlscouts.org/en/our-program/badges/badge_explorer.html

- Good Neighbor for Daisies
- Celebrating Community for Brownies
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