

## Preparing for Your Gold Award Interview

Prior to beginning on your Gold Award project, you are required to present your proposal to our Gold Award Committee. This presentation is a chance for you to share your project idea and it gives the Committee a chance to ask any questions they may have about your project proposal.

Once you submit your Gold Award Proposal to GSBDC, you will be given a scheduled time for your interview. Please let us know if you are not able to meet at that time. We will do our best to reschedule. However, the Committee only meets once a month, and your interview may be rescheduled for the following month.

Note: See GSBDC's Gold Award Calendar at <a href="https://bit.ly/gsgoldcalendar">https://bit.ly/gsgoldcalendar</a> for the current schedule of deadlines and interview dates. Dates are set annually in January. You should review the dates and your own calendar to plan accordingly.

## At the interview...

During the interview, you will present your Project Proposal. The interview will include a question and answer section that should last about 15 minutes. After the interview, the committee will conduct a review, and a decision letter will be emailed to you within one week.

There are some ways you can prepare for your interview. You can present your project to an adult and allow them to ask questions that may arise during the interview. The following are some of the questions that you may be asked during the interview:

- What issue does your Gold Award project address? How does this project differ from a committee service project? What are the Take Action components?
- What is the root cause of the issue you are addressing?
- How will you demonstrate leadership?
- Who will you lead? Who is your project team?
- How do you plan to educate and inspire others?
- How do you plan to create a sustainable impact? What will you do to keep your project going after you are done?
- What do you think will be the hardest part of your project?
- How do you plan to share your project with others?

*Note: You need to dress professionally, as if you were applying for a job.*