



Ambassador Public Policy

Pillar: Civic Engagement/Life Skills

Outcomes: Strong sense of self, Positive values, Community problem solving

Ambassadors will earn this badge by: Learning to speak the language of public policy so you understand how a citizen can work to affect change locally and globally and have your voice heard.

1. Find out how activists advocate for change
 - a. Watch a documentary about a female activist you admire with your family, troop, or friend group. Afterwards discuss with them what you learned about advocacy. What did they advocate for or against? What tactics worked, what didn't? (Examples: [Ladies First](#), [He Named Me Malala](#), [Mission Blue](#), [Maya Angelou and Still I Rise](#))
 - b. **Tip:** Netflix has a virtual watch party option.
2. Engage as a global citizen
 - a. Learn about NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and their role and discover more about an NGO whose mission aligns with the change you want to see in the world. What does this NGO do to effect change? (Examples: [Heifer International](#), [World Wildlife Fund](#), [Oxfam](#), [Barefoot College](#))
3. Dig into national or state policy
 - a. Compare how different states handle the same issue. Choose one issue and compare the way at least 3 states handle that issue. (Examples of state level concerns: education, legalization of marijuana, laws around alcohol and tobacco, driving laws, gun control, gambling, voting, minimum wage, etc.). How do these state policies interact with federal policies and/or the policies of neighboring states?
4. Explore local or community policy
 - a. Find out who your local legislators are. Is there a City Council in your community? Who is your state senator or representative? Contact their office and request a phone or video interview with them or one of their staff. What recommendations do they have for a citizen who wants their voice heard?
 - b. **Bonus:** [Check out this video](#) of Gold Award GS Alyssa interviewing her federal Rep. Sharice Davids.
5. See public policy in action
 - a. Interview, shadow, or volunteer with a policymaker or advocacy organization. What type of change do they want to see and what actions are they taking to ensure that change? How can you support their cause?
 - b. **Bonus:** [Check out this video](#) about GS Kimberly's internship with our Community Partner Kansas City Women in Film and Television.

Online additional resources:

1. Learn more about the [Girl Scout Advocacy Network](#).
2. [Follow this link](#) to find out who your elected representatives are.

When you're finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase by emailing shopdept@gsksmo.org or at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/AMBASSADOR-PUBLIC-POLICY-BADGE>. No shipping charges apply at this time.

