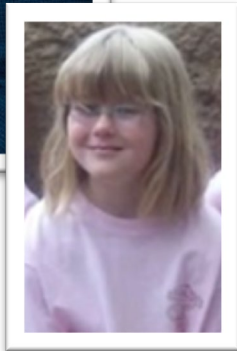




**Abigail Schulte**

Kansas City, Missouri



## **Get Out and Vote**

Abigail Schulte has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is in Troop 1592 in Service Unit 611. She is currently a senior at Liberty High School.

Abigail's Gold Award project addressed the issue of traditionally low voter rates for midterm elections by helping people in her community get registered to vote. By doing the project through Girl Scouts, she was able to be bipartisan and feels that made her more approachable to voters who traditionally stay away from politics. To get voters registered she set up a 3 day booth during the Liberty Fall Festival and provided them absentee ballots, voter registration statuses and helped get them registered to vote if needed.

Abigail worked with the Clay County Election Board, students from the Advanced Placement Government class at Liberty High School and the Fall Festival to complete her project. By helping voters get engaged and voice their opinion, she hoped to make a positive impact on local and national politics by having more of the people represented. As a Girl Scout, she found being approachable as bipartisan was critical to her project and she hopes helped increase voter turn-out from Liberty residents for years to come.

**Because of Girl Scouts, I have been able to grow as a young woman and understand my place in the world. I have been able to pursue my passions not only in science, but also in helping my community and younger girls.**