



## Democracy for Juniors Badge

**Pillar:** Civic Engagement

When you've earned your Democracy for Juniors badge, you'll have learned more about how your government works, from your town or city to the whole country.



### Girl Scout Juniors will follow these steps to earn their badge:

1. Find out about local government (Discover, Connect)
  - a. What does local government mean?
    - a. This video explains local government: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7Glp-fGu24>
    - b. Here's another video explaining local government: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfxT7j4XVSU>
  - b. Who is the head of your city?
  - c. Find out 5 services local city government provides
  - d. Who is the head of your school district? What is their role?
  - e. Who is in the head of your elementary school? What is their role?
    - a. Find out who is responsible for your school lunch.
    - b. Who would you write/call/connect to if you didn't like your school lunches?
    - c. Find out what would it take and who to talk to if you want to change the school lunch menu
2. Find out about state government. (Discover)
  - a. Who is your state representative? What do they do?
    - a. <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
    - b. [https://openstates.org/find\\_your\\_legislator/](https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/)
  - b. Who is the governor of your state? What is their role?
  - c. Where is the state capital?
  - d. Who is your state senator? What do they do?
    - a. <https://www.senate.gov/senators/index.htm>
  - e. Check out these two videos about state government:
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9UmAtGS3wE>
    - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_q2z4buOfic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_q2z4buOfic)
3. Find out about our country's legislative branch (Discover)
  - a. Name the two parts that make up the legislative branch
  - b. Find 3 things that the legislative branch is responsible for
  - c. Check this informative video about the legislative branch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kmveb5O1vC8>



4. Find out about our country's executive branch (Discover, Connect)
  - a. Can you name the last 5 presidents?
  - b. What this video about the executive branch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aiacCnNUOI>
  - c. What is the President's cabinet? Why are they important?
  - d. Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWR2p9j9hWo>
  - e. Ask your parents about which Presidents or Vice Presidents they remember and why
  
5. Find out about our country's judicial branch (Discover)
  - a. Name the 3 different types of courts.
  - b. Here is a link to how the court system works: <https://www.usa.gov/branches-of-government#item-214501>
    1. Check out these videos about the court system:
   
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWgeVyISK34>
  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9giPmCWnepU>
  - c. What is the highest court in our country?
    1. How many members serve in the highest court in the USA? And how do they get their job?
    2. How many women have served in this role?

**When you're finished:** Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase or at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/democracy-for-juniors-badge> or in person by getting started at [www.gsksmo.org/shop](http://www.gsksmo.org/shop).

You can also purchase your Girl Scout Virtual main patch and bars through our online store or in person. Begin your shopping experience at [www.gsksmo.org/shop](http://www.gsksmo.org/shop)

