

Go-Getter Girl Scout Planning Money Management Gold Award Project with Unique Twist

No spoiler alert here, because we don't know how Hollan B. is planning to incorporate the hit Broadway show "Hamilton" into her Gold Award project, we're just intrigued that she is.

Hollan, a member of Troop 2125 in the Southwest Region, has been a Girl Scout since she was in kindergarten. Now a Senior Girl Scout, she is currently in the midst of researching, planning and fundraising for her Gold Award.

When she saw "Hamilton" on Broadway, Hollan was inspired by the intellect of Alexander Hamilton.

"Not only did his creation of the financial system impress me, but it reminded me of how little I know how to maneuver it," says Hollan. "I wanted to both educate myself and others on how to properly balance a checkbook, invest, calculate interest and manage money, and my Gold Award project and "Hamilton" inspiration will help me accomplish this."

Hollan is working her way through the seven steps required to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. Part of that process involves investigating the issue, creating a plan and building a team, as well as fundraising to support the implementation of the plan. Throughout the process, Hollan says she is learning a multitude of things including the rigor of completing a large project with community impact, and definitely time management skills,



as she is balancing school and extracurricular activities in addition to working on her Gold Award.

Though it has taken her a great deal of time and effort, Hollan says she would absolutely encourage other Girl Scouts to do a Gold Award project. "The project itself benefits the community in a variety of ways by making a change in people's lives and showing girls everywhere that women can step up and make a difference. I have loved working on my Gold Award, and I love getting to share the experiences and lessons I learned from this project."

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Once achieved, it shows colleges, employers and the girl's community that she is out there changing the world.