

Junior Inside Government Badge

Scout the Vote will be a non-partisan program, it will be focused on civic education.

Complete the steps to receive your Junior Inside Government Badge:

Step 1 Decide what being an active citizen is

Step 2 Go inside Government

Step 3 Look into laws

Step 4 Report on issues

Step 5 Get involved in government

Even though Girl Scouts are not old enough to vote yet, this program embodies what it means to be a G.I.R.L. by being a Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk Taker, and Leader and empower young girls to be involved in their communities by civic engagement

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Zlj04xKPYpugspKYrLv6MLt0ya7030ako6kk953iM/edit>

STEP 1

What does it mean to be an active citizen? Is it by citizen participation or simply being a citizen to a country?

Let's explore how to identify the rights and responsibilities as a U.S. citizen and what citizen participation looks like, by exploring how to define citizenship on five levels: home, school, city, state, and nation.

To complete this step:

- Read "Just Facts" about being a U.S. CITIZEN

- Learn what citizenship means

- Read 'Ted's Big Day', identify how Ted fulfilled his citizen duty and complete the Citizen Me Pyramid

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STEP 2

Take a look at what being in government would be like. How does government have several different roles, positions, and impact in our lives.

To complete this step play "Win the White house" to learn how parts of a whole interact to produce a complex society!

<https://www.icivics.org/games/win-white-house>

STEP 3

Let's explore the process of laws by examining how the 3 branches of government play a significant role on whether a law will pass or be vetoed and how a law impacts citizens.

To complete this step:

- Review 'Building on the Branches' Power Point to know the role of each branch
- Play 'Branches of Power' to simulate the process of law making on the local, state, and national level.
- Go online and look up new laws that may impact your community, examine why those laws were put in place.

<https://www.icivics.org/games/branches-power>

STEP 4

To report on the issues, go online to credible news sources. What are they currently reporting on locally and nationally?

After you've done your research of reporting on current issues ask yourself these questions:

- how is this impacting me and my community?
- where is this happening?
- what can I do be a part of this problem and/or solution?

STEP 5

Just because you're not old enough to vote doesn't mean you can't be involved in government! There are still several ways that you can participate like going to city council

meetings, writing letters to elected officials on a local or state level or build a movement around something that is important to you!

You can complete this step by:

- Attending a city council meeting
- Writing a letter to a government official
- Engaging local government and community members with an important issue

Additional Resources

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HCyUy-NjszoD-V4MvcnQZaJg5X35V5qemFzd6imYhHU&authuser=0>

<https://www.icivics.org/games/cast-your-vote>

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