



Dig into Public Policy with Your Ambassador Girl Scout

A Guide for Parents and Caregivers



Public Policy badge

As an Ambassador, your daughter can earn the Public Policy badge on her own or with her troop. In the process, **she'll learn about laws and government actions related to specific issues**. Plus, she'll see how her voice can have a big effect on legislation.

There's No Hate in Advocate

Whether she's making a handheld sign, a statement on social, or delivering a speech as part of student government, your daughter wants to let people know about the issues she cares about. And when she's smart and speaks from the heart, she can influence important decisions in our world.

Sometimes, though, when a person cares a lot about an issue, they can get upset and lose focus. It's one thing for your daughter to criticize a policy or decision that she sees as harmful, but messaging that insults individuals based on how they look, where they're from, or some other factor has nothing to do with the issue and will only distract from the point she is trying to make. Help her remember that listening respectfully and practicing empathy—especially when we disagree—are two of the most powerful tools for changing the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

A 2016 study showed college freshmen are more interested in student activism than they've been in nearly 50 years!



BADGE SPOTLIGHT!

Engage as a Global Citizen

Even if she's never left her state or town, your daughter will learn about policies in other countries to earn this badge.

Before she dives into the issues that affect other parts of our world, help her think about why the topics she's focusing on matter to her—even when they're far away and might not seem directly connected to her life.

Does she think the issue she's chosen affects people in the United States? If so, how? If she doesn't think it affects people in our country, who is affected, and should Americans pay attention anyway? Why or why not?

Your girl's voice and actions matter on a global scale. Help her realize that today!

SHE'S EARNED IT!

Purchase your daughter's **Public Policy badge**, then add it to her vest or sash so she can wear it with pride.