

## *Think Big*

## Cadette *Cookie* badge 3

When you earn the Financial Literacy badge called Financing My Dreams, you learn to think about your future. Now, it's time to think big about your cookie business! When you earn this Cookie Business badge, you'll know how to take your business plan to a whole new level.

### *Steps*

1. Come up with a big idea
2. Take your sales to the next level
3. Sell your big dream to others
4. Ask experts to help you take your plan up a notch
5. Share your experience in a big way

### *Purpose*

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to set bigger goals for my cookie sale and come up with creative ways to reach them.

*"If you think you can you can. And if you think your can't, you're right."* -Mary Kay Ash,  
Founder of May Kay Cosmetics

## Step 1 Come up with a big idea

As you and your friends think about how you want to use your cookie money, challenge yourselves to stretch. How about coming up with a high-impact Silver Award project or a Take Action project that's more ambitious than any you've done before? Or maybe you want to start saving for a big trip in the United States or overseas. It could take several years of hard work to get the money for such big projects - not to mention lots of research and planning. That's what makes achieving the goal so sweet!

## Step 2 Take your sales to the next level

When you have a big goal, you have to sell in a bigger way. Brainstorm ways you could increase sales in ways you've never tried before. For example, maybe you could approach local businesses to see if they would buy cookies by the case to give to their own customers or staff. Maybe you could create a pop-up store and take it to places that get a lot of foot traffic. Or maybe you could get permission to set up a booth at a major event in your community. Once you've come up with a few solid ideas, write down a list of action steps to make your dreams become real.

## Step 3 Sell your big dreams to others

Whether you're using your cookie money to go on a dream trip or to fund a major Take Action project, you'll have a better chance of selling cookies if you make your dream real to your costumers. Brainstorm exciting ways to tell the story of what you hope to do with your cookie money. For example, you may want to use social media to send updates on your progress. Remember that you may be working toward your goal for more than one year, so think about how you can keep current and future customers over time as well.

## Step 4 Ask experts to help you take your plan up a notch

Show your plan to a businesswoman, and ask her for advice about increasing sales, developing a new customer base, or telling your story in a strong way that makes customers want to buy your product.

## Step 5 Share your experience in a big way

Think of innovative ways to let your customers know the progress you're making in the pursuit of your dream. If your customers feel good about being part of making your dream come true, they may want to keep purchasing cookies! Maybe you'd enjoy holding an open house for your customers where you could show a video or give a multimedia presentation about your plans. Or maybe you'd like to spread the word beyond your customer base by teaming up with an adult and posting a video online.

## Add the Badge to Your Journey

You might use your cookie money to fund a Take Action project for one of your Journeys or to fund a trip that will really bring your Journey themes to life. While you're selling cookies to customers is, also, a great time to hear their thoughts and ideas about community needs!

Now that I've earned this badge, I can give service by:

- Encouraging my friends to think big about their own school projects and plans
- Helping other Girl Scouts come up with ways to take their sales to the next level
- Offering the use of my video or presentation to my council to help them tell the story of how Girl Scout Cookies help girls

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