

## Gold Award Key Points to Think About



### Root Cause

- What is the change you want to make?
- How will you know you have made it?
- How will you prove you have made the change?

### Sustainable

- Get commitment from school/org/person to continue the project after you
- Produce a short video, online brochure, binder, etc. and share with other schools or community organizations

### Global

- Share your project beyond your local community and inspire others to take action in their own communities
- Find information about what other communities around the globe are doing to address your issue and incorporate that education into your project

### Measurable

- Change over time that can be recorded with evaluations
- Set clear goals on number of volunteers, participants, sessions, length of sessions, etc. and measure your impact.

### Evaluations

- Measuring your progress with your volunteers, participants, and project advisor

### Leadership

- How are you leading others to help you with your project? How are you delegating responsibilities?

### Take Action vs. Service

- Taking action means working to understand the root of a problem so that you can develop a project that continues to address that problem—even after you've done your part. It's more than just community service, which is helping others from your heart for a short time. When you do a take action project, you'll use both your heart and your head to make a difference that lasts and that you can measure.