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Eastview teen earns highest Girl Scout honor

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Eastview teen and Girl Scout Sierra Reed, 18, won the Girl Scout Gold Award for her project. The project is the highest award for girl scouts, and is given to a high school girl scout who works to address an issue they're passionate about.

Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana have awarded an Eastview resident the highest of all Girl Scout honors.

Sierra Reed, 18, has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The award is given to a high school Girl Scout who works to address an issue they're passionate about in a way that makes change, according to a news release.

"Whether it's on a local, national, or global level, Gold Award Girl Scouts provide innovative solutions to significant challenges. This is the highest Honor a Girl Scout can earn," the release said.

The release said she is the only one in the Heartland area to earn the gold award in 2020.

Reed graduated from Central Hardin High School and currently is studying fine arts as a freshman at Western Kentucky University.

Reed said she began Girl Scouts in kindergarten, and eventually became an ambassador in high school, which is the highest rank.

Reed's project, "Snug as a Bug Onesies," comes from a personal place.

Her brother, Hunter, 11, was born dead for 19 minutes, was resuscitated and had to be in a neonatal intensive care unit for two months. During that time, medical equipment and wires were connected to him, preventing him from wearing clothes, she said.

Reed said there was a group in Texas that had given her mother baby clothing that also made the medical equipment easy to access.

“It gave us that comfort of knowing that he’s being taken care of. And it also was one of the only outfits that he could wear while he was in the hospital,” she said.

For her project, she replicated and altered that clothing she had seen on her brother, which are comfortable for the baby and family, provide easy access for medical staff and provide a more affordable options for families, Reed said.

Reed said she worked on the project for about 80 hours across two to three years. Reed said she learned a lot about problem solving during her project, having to start over with her pattern for the clothes when she realized the original pattern would not work.

Reed said her brother is now doing well, and is one of her biggest inspirations.

“He doesn’t ever let anything get him down. He’s one of the happiest people that I know,” she said.

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