



2024 Girl Scout of Distinction



Sawyer Wright

Gold Award Girl Scout
North Allegheny Senior HS
*Empowering Young Girls
through Fiction*

Sawyer wrote, illustrated, and published the book *The Four Take on Fifth* to increase confidence in upper-elementary school girls. Upper elementary school can be a turbulent time for many girls, so it is essential they learn from positive messages that accurately represent their ages and struggles. Growing up, Sawyer often viewed book characters as inspirations and role models. She created her Gold Award project to provide a model for how to deal with challenging situations while maintaining healthy friendships and growing self-confidence.

In addition to her love for reading and writing, Sawyer also believes in the power of art. She led a small team of illustrators to bring the novel's story to life. Sawyer hosted an author's workshop at her former elementary school to share the message

of her book and inspire future writers and artists. Copies of the book were donated to several elementary schools, public libraries, and Girl Scout troops.

Outside of Girl Scouts, Sawyer rowed for North Allegheny and was elected team captain her senior year. She was also an active member of her school's National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and jazz band.

Sawyer would like to thank her mom for supporting her through this project and the rest of her life. She is grateful to her team, teachers, advisors, and especially artists for making this project possible. She is honored to accept this award from Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania and hopes to continue making a difference in her community.

From organizing camping trips to hosting an author's workshop for young writers and illustrators, Girls Scouts has taught me to be a leader among my peers and in my community. For the past 13 years, my Girl Scout experiences have honed my skills in communication, project management, public speaking, and creative problem-solving. —Sawyer Wright