girl scouts of eastern missouri

Activity Scholarship Application for Girls

Instructions (see detailed guidelines on next page)

1. Financial assistance guidelines for Activity Scholarships have been updated. The council is now offering a streamlined process for awards between $10 - $50. Families/caregivers are able to apply directly online when completing their program registration through gsEvents. Processing of these requests typically occurs within 1 business day.
2. For awards $51 and greater applicants must complete the following form.
3. Submit one application per girl per activity.
4. Allow a minimum of three weeks for processing.
5. Application must be completed entirely and signed by a parent or guardian to be considered.
6. Eligibility rules apply to all applications, see details on page 2
7. Contact the Answer Center with any questions at 314.400.4600 or *answercenter@girlscoutsem.org*.

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1. Full name of girl:_____Current Grade:_____

   Address:_____

   City:_____State:_____Zip:_____

   Day Phone:_____Evening Phone:_____

   Adult Email:_____

2. _____

   Parent/Guardian Full Name | Occupation | Employer

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3. Total People in Household:_____Ages of each Dependent Child in Family:_____
   If you have other children applying for a scholarship, please list their names:

   _____

4. Please indicate which product programs the applicant has participated in within the last year:
   ☐ Fall Product program ☐ Cookie program ☐ Neither, please explain: _____

5. Check the range of your total household gross income over the last year (include all sources of income, pre-tax, such as employment, child support, unemployment, disability, social security, public assistance, etc.):

☐ $0 - $19,999	☐ $40,000 - $49,999	☐ $70,000 - $79,999	☐ $100,000 - $109,999
☐ $20,000 - $29,999	☐ $50,000 - $59,999	☐ $80,000 - $89,999	☐ $110,000 - $119,999
☐ $30,000 - $39,999	☐ $60,000 - $69,999	☐ $90,000 - $99,999	☐ Over 120,000

6. Last Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri scholarship award received: Date:_____Amount:_____

7. Is there a special circumstance you would like us to consider when processing this request?_____

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8. Activity for which a scholarship is being requested (a separate form is required for each activity):

   Name of activity (program/camp/event):_____

   Date(s) of activity:_____

   Cost of activity or program: $_____

9. All scholarships require that a portion of the program cost be paid by the girl's family and/or troop. Please enclose the amount you can contribute at this time. You will be notified of your remaining balance due once the scholarship award decision has been finalized.

   Amount enclosed: $_____

   Scholarship amount requested: $_____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:_____**Date:**_____

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Calc:_____Amt Approved:$_____Due:$_____Date Due:_____Emailed ☐ Task ☐

Processing Staff Initials:_____Approving Staff Initials:_____Date:_____

Activity Scholarship Guidelines

1. **General information**
   - Financial need-based scholarships are available for girls who do not have the funds to participate in a Girl Scout program, to ensure that programs and camps are accessible to all girls.
   - Girl Scouts' non-discrimination policy applies to the awarding of all Activity Scholarships.
   - All details concerning financial assistance requests are kept confidential.

2. **Eligibility**
   - The applicant must be a registered Girl Scout member in Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri and accepted into a program before activity scholarship application is considered.
   - Activity scholarships are only available for events or programs with registration fees of more than $10.
   - Applications must be received at the Girl Scout Service Center no later than the program registration deadline
   - Applications must be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.
   - Activity scholarships are non-transferable, valid only for the girl and specific program for which they are awarded.
   - Applicants and families with outstanding balances are not eligible for scholarship assistance until open balances are paid.
   - All girls are subject to an activity scholarship maximum of $150 per year per Girl Scout for all programs and camps except resident camp, council travel and *destinations.*
     - Resident camp: limited to one resident camp per girl per year.
     - Council travel programs: limited to one trip per girl per year.
     - *destinations*: limited to one *destinations* scholarship in a girl's entire Girl Scout career. These scholarship applications may require additional supplemental information.

3. **Activity scholarships are available for registration fees for girl participants for the following:**
   - Council sponsored programs and camps
   - District or Neighborhood events, within council jurisdiction
   - *destinations*

   Scholarships are not available for:

   - Adult participation in girl events
   - Awards
   - Books and materials
   - District or neighborhood travel
   - Out of Council Girl Scouts
   - Troop camping
   - Troop dues
   - Troop travel

4. **Financial information**
   - Scholarships are awarded on an individual basis based on family need and are not designed to underwrite event costs for an entire troop.
   - Award calculations are based on financial need and the Federal Poverty Level.
   - Scholarships are designed to supplement individual family resources, not replace them. A portion of the cost must be paid by the girl's family and/or troop. Any amount contributed allows us to serve more girls.
   - Product programs help offset the costs of activity scholarships; girl participation will be taken into consideration when awarding financial assistance.
   - Additional information may be required to process each request, potentially including a phone interview, proof of income, and/or proof of dependents.
   - Scholarships are not retroactive; if payment was already received prior to scholarship application, the scholarship will be nullified.

5. **Submission instructions**
   - Submit completed Activity Scholarship Application form with the activity registration form to the Girl Scout Service Center, unless the following exceptions apply:
     - For district and neighborhood events, the scholarship application is sent to the Service Center, but the program registration form must be sent to the event registrar (not Council).
     - For resident camps with a deposit, reserve the desired camp online (a $50 deposit is required), then mail the Scholarship Application to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri Service Center at address: 2300 Ball Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. For overnight camps with no deposit, the application should be sent prior to payment.

6. **Scholarship notification**
   - Once a scholarship award decision has been finalized, the applicant will receive an email with the award amount and amount still due, including a deadline for payment.
   - Any balance due must be paid by the deadline given, or the scholarship will be forfeited.

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