

## Activity Scholarship Application for Girls

### Instructions

1. Allow a minimum of three weeks for processing. Submit one application per girl, per activity.
2. The application must be completed entirely and signed by a parent or guardian to be considered. Incomplete forms will result in a processing delay.
3. Submit this completed form with the program registration form to the address listed on the registration form (unless for a District or Neighborhood event or online camp registration).
4. Refer to the Activity Scholarship Guidelines below for more information.
5. Participation in product programs does offset the costs of activity scholarships and will be taken into consideration when awarding financial assistance
6. Please note: to process each request, GSEM may require additional information from the applicant, potentially including a phone interview, proof of income, and/or proof of dependents.
7. Contact the Answer Center with any questions at 314.400.4600 or [answercenter@girlscoutsem.org](mailto:answercenter@girlscoutsem.org).

### SECTION A – Individual Girl Requests

Please print clearly. All information will be kept confidential.

1. Legal name of girl: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Email: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Total People in Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of each Dependent Child in Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you have other children applying for financial assistance, 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, such as 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 GSEM financial assistance award received: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Is there a special circumstance you would like us to consider when processing this request? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. Activity for which a scholarship is being requested (a separate form is required for each activity):  
 Name of Activity/Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Cost of Activity per Participant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Sent with Activity Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount to be Contributed From: Family: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Girl: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount needed (must complete): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B – Troop Request (for supplies to make it possible to serve a girl with a disability)**

1. Disability Information: Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri encourages persons with disabilities to participate in all Girl Scout programs and events and will make reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. If you have questions or want to discuss an accommodation, contact the Answer Center at 314.400.4600 or answercenter@girlscoutsem.org.

Do you, your child, or someone in the troop need a reasonable accommodation? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

2. Current Troop Program Level (circle): D B J C S A

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Funds to be used for the following:

Activity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Supplies: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Requested:**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Number of girls to benefit from funds: \_\_\_\_\_

Date funds are needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Troop Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of approving staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri**  
**Activity Scholarship Guidelines for Girls**

**1. Activity Scholarships are available for event/program fees in excess of \$15 for the following:**

- Council-sponsored programs/events
- Day camp
- *destinations*
- District/Neighborhood event, girl participant fees
- District/Neighborhood trips, max award limited to 10% of girl fee, total award not to exceed \$150
- Financial support can be provided to troops serving a girl with a disability, to ensure she can participate
- Resident camp

**Activity Scholarships are not available for:**

- Adult participation in girl events
- Awards
- Books and materials
- Insignia
- Out of Council Girl Scouts
- Troop camping
- Troop dues
- Troop trips
- Uniform items

**2. General Information**

- Financial need-based activity scholarships are provided to girls who do not have the necessary funds to participate in a Girl Scout program.
- In order to implement flexible and innovative programs that meet the interests and needs of all girls, we must use our funds wisely for the largest number of girls.
- Girl Scouts' non-discrimination policy applies to the granting/awarding of all Activity Scholarships.
- The girl must be a registered Girl Scout in Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri and accepted into a program before activity scholarship application is considered.
- Activity scholarships are not awarded for event/program fees that are \$15 or less
- Applications must be received at Girl Scout Service Center no later than three weeks prior to an event.
- Applications must be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.
- Activity scholarships are non-transferable, valid only for the girl and session for which they are awarded.
- Scholarships are awarded on an individual basis, and are not designed to underwrite event costs for an entire troop. Troops should set goals, plan and budget for activities as part of their planning for the year.

**3. Financial Information**

- Award or grant decisions are based on financial need and the Federal Poverty Level.
- The activity scholarship maximum is a combined total of \$150 per year per Girl Scout for all programs except resident camp, council travel and *destinations*.
- Financial assistance is designed to supplement individual family resources, not replace them. Every effort should be made for a portion of the cost to be paid by the Girl Scout's family and/or troop. Any amount you can contribute allows us to serve more girls.
- All details concerning financial assistance requests are kept confidential.

**4. District/Neighborhood Events**

- Assistance for District and Neighborhood events must be considered as a last resort.
- The program registration is to be sent to the event registrar (not Council). The Activity Scholarship Application is to be sent to the Girl Scout Service Center, 2300 Ball Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146.

**5. *destinations***

- If applying for *destinations*, attach a breakdown of all anticipated travel expenses.
- *destinations* scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis
- Girls may only receive one *destinations* scholarship in their entire Girl Scout career.

**6. Camp Programs**

- Activity Scholarships are available for only one resident camp per girl per year.
- Scholarships for camp programs are non-transferable, valid only for the girl and session awarded.

**7. Activity Scholarship Review Process**

- Submit completed Activity Scholarship Application with activity registration form to Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, 2300 Ball Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146, allowing a minimum of three weeks for processing
- If applying online for a resident camp, mail the Scholarship Application to the above address, stating the program registration was completed online. Online deposits will not be refunded.
- Notification of the activity scholarship award will be sent via email whenever possible.
- If the activity scholarship is for a non-council event, Council will forward the funds to the appropriate party
- Adults in need of financial assistance to participate in training opportunities should use the Volunteer Assistance application, found in the forms section of our website.
- Contact the Answer Center at 314.400.4600 or [answercenter@girlscoutsem.org](mailto:answercenter@girlscoutsem.org) with any questions