



2012 Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship Application
 For use when applying for the Gold Award and/or Performing Arts scholarships.

Please check the scholarship(s) for which you are applying:

_____ 2012 Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship

_____ 2012 Performing Arts Scholarship

_____ 2012 Girl Scout Ambassador Scholarship

(Requires the use of a 2012 Girl Scout Ambassador Scholarship Application form.)

If applying for both the Gold Award and Performing Arts scholarships, complete this application only once.

NOTE: While you may only be awarded one scholarship, you can increase the probability of being awarded a scholarship by applying for all of the scholarships for which you qualify.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parents' Names _____

What high school do you attend? _____

High School Address _____

Graduation Date _____ E-mail Address _____

How long have you been a Girl Scout? _____

If you were a Girl Scout in a different council for part of these years, please tell us where you lived.

City _____ State _____ Which years? _____

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Are you registered? (Check Appropriate Answer) _____ In a Troop _____ As an Individual Girl Scout or in a Non-Troop Pathway

If you are a troop member, what is your troop number? _____ Leader's Name _____

List the date you received the Girl Scout Gold Award _____

(If the Girl Scout Gold Award has not yet been received, completed Gold Award paperwork MUST be in office and approved prior to April 15, 2012.)

Participation

On average, how many hours per month do you participate in Girl Scout activities (troop meetings, planning meetings, events, service, etc.)?

_____ 1 Hours _____ 2-3 Hours _____ 4-5 Hours _____ 6 or More Hours

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Girl Scout Activities - Please do not list duplicate information between categories.

Money earning projects in which you have participated as a *Girl Scout* during your Junior and Senior years in high school—troop money-earning projects, Fall Product Program, Girl Scout Cookie Program. *For product sales, please be specific on which year or years you participated.* (One point per activity, maximum of 5 points.)

Girl Scout activities (troop, service unit, council-wide) in which you have participated during your Junior and Senior years in high school—trips, events, activities helping younger Girl Scouts, C3 membership, council-sponsored events, *destination* participation, resident camp, etc. (One point per activity, maximum of 5 points.)

Have you assumed a leadership role in any Girl Scout activities during your Junior and Senior years in high school—troop president or other office, troop cookie manager, committee chair, council committee, Board member, etc. If yes, please explain. (One point per role, maximum of 5 points.)

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Other Activities:

Please list any groups/organizations in which you participated outside of Girl Scouting during your Junior and Senior years in high school—extracurricular school activities, clubs, church groups, etc. (One point per activity, maximum of 5 points)

Have you assumed a leadership role in any of the activities listed in the prior categories (troop/club president or other office, troop cookie manager, committee chair, etc.)? If yes, please explain. (One point per role, maximum of 5 points.)

Jobs—Please list any paid positions you have worked during your Junior and Senior years in high school.

What three words describe you? _____

Other information for the scholarship committee to consider: _____

Future Educational Plans:

Name/address of where you plan to continue your education:

Field of Study: _____

Expected Cost: _____ Due date of first installment: _____

List the names and amounts of other scholarships or assistance you have applied to receive as of this date:

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ESSAY TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

If applying for the Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship, please use a separate page for the essay (preferably TYPED in 12-pitch Arial font).

1. A 500-word (or less) essay that details your Girl Scout Gold Award project. The essay must give the following details of the take-action project: 1) a brief description, including the issue addressed and its root cause; 2) a discussion of what impact you hope to have made and who benefitted; 3) a discussion of how working on your project strengthened your leadership skills; and 4) how the project will be sustained beyond your involvement. *(Same essay as that completed for the Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship.)*

ESSAYS TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

If applying for the Performing Arts Scholarship, please use a separate page for the essay (preferably TYPED in 12-pitch Arial font). You may put both essays on same page; simply number the essays.

1. A 100-word (or less) essay on your career goals in a performing arts field (theater, dance, music or voice).
2. A 500-word (or less) essay that details your Girl Scout Gold Award project. The essay must give the following details of the take-action project: 1) a brief description, including the issue addressed and its root cause; 2) a discussion of what impact you hope to have made and who benefitted; 3) a discussion of how working on your project strengthened your leadership skills; and 4) how the project will be sustained beyond your involvement. *(Same essay as that completed for the Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship.)*

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PREPARING APPLICATIONS

- Neatness counts!
- Check that you have submitted all the correct forms. (See the GSNI Scholarship Documentation Checklist.)
- Edit and proofread your essay. Proofreading looks at the details like correct spelling and grammar. Editing is the process of making your writing as clear as possible to your readers.

Editing Tips:

- Put some time and distance between writing and editing (write one day, edit the next).
- Edit for meaning: Make sure that what you've written is simple, clear, and easy to understand. Put yourself in the reader's place.
- Ask for help. Have someone else read it to see if it makes sense.

Proofreading Tips:

- Let your computer help, but don't depend solely on the spell-check function, which won't catch words with more than one spelling or words that are missing.
- Read it backwards—bottom to top, right to left. This process helps catch typos that your eye may automatically skim over or "see as correct."

Scholarship Application Signatures:

I understand that

- Scholarship funds are for use in the fall of 2012. Funds not used will be lost.
- Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois must receive documentation of enrollment in school prior to funds being paid.
- Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois has the right to award or deny a scholarship to an applicant.
- A committee will review every application, along with essays and endorsements/recommendations.
- All finalists are required to have a personal interview with the scholarship committee (tentatively scheduled for the weeks of April 2 and April 9, 2012).
- **Applications and all associated documentation are due to the Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Road, Elgin, Illinois, 60124, no later than 5 P.M. on March 15, 2012.**

By submitting this scholarship application, I authorize Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to use my name/image for publication. (**PHOTO REQUIRED.** Include with your application a head-and-shoulder photo suitable for newspaper and Girl Scout publicity. School photo preferred. No photocopies. May be submitted electronically.)

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent: I have read the statements in the application. They are accurate and I approve of this application. I understand that any false statements made may cause disqualification of this application.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____