



Girl Scouts of Western New York Educational Scholarship Fund Application & Guidelines

*****DUE: March 30, 2026. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. \$40,000 to be awarded*****

Purpose

The Educational Scholarship Fund recognizes the achievement and character of graduating Girl Scouts who have earned their Silver and/or Gold Award. Scholarships will be awarded based on a combination of academic achievements, Girl Scout involvement and accomplishments, as well as other activities and awards.

Requirements

- Must demonstrate the ideals of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Must be a registered member of the Girl Scouts of Western New York with a minimum of five years of membership in the Girl Scout organization.
- Must be a graduating high school senior in 2026.
- Must be accepted into an accredited university, college, or technical school for Fall 2026.
- Must have earned the Silver or Gold Award, **OR** have completed their Gold Award Project, submitted the paperwork to Council, and have been granted final Council approval on or before March 30, 2026.
- Complete and submit this application.
- Obtain one (1) letter of recommendation (see [Letter of Recommendation Form PDF](#)):

Instructions

- Download the application to your computer, THEN open the saved PDF file, enter the info. *If you enter the info in the web browser, it will erase your answers!* We recommend saving your answers as you work, and once more when you are done.
- Once completed, attach this application to an email and send to bev.rhodes@gswny.org.
- Provide your reference with the Letter of Recommendation form ([see form for full instructions](#)). We recommend confirming that the form and letter of recommendation have been received by GSWNY.
- **Application and letter of recommendation must be received by Bev Rhodes on or before March 30, 2026.**

Questions or Follow Up: Bev Rhodes, 1-888-837-6410 x7984 or bev.rhodes@gswny.org

Overview of Selection Process

- Applicants must meet the criteria listed in the Scholarship Guidelines Section in order for their application to be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Each member of the Committee will review and score applications based upon leadership, achievement and service earned from Girl Scouting activities and other extracurricular activities, as well as the essay portion of the application.
- The number of scholarships awarded annually and award amount varies based on funds available in that year.
- All applicants are notified once the selection process is complete.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15, 2026.

Educational Scholarship Fund Application

DEADLINE: March 30, 2026

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Birth Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Gold Award recipient & Year earned: _____ Silver Award recipient & Year earned: _____

Troop Leader's Name: _____ Troop #: _____

Number of years as a Girl Scout: _____

High School: _____

Accredited university, college, or technical school applying to or accepted to:

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Planned course of study: _____

Applicant Achievements

Answers to the following should be in list form only.

List all Girl Scout activities, awards, and leadership positions (examples: Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards; Service bars and pins; Women of Distinction participation; other Girl Scout involvement and accomplishments)

List non-Girl Scout activities, awards and leadership positions (examples: Community Service, School, Religious or Work-related involvement, and accomplishments)

Short Essay (250-300 words)

Through your essay, please describe how the Girl Scout Promise and Law have brought you to where you are and how they impact your future plans.

Please comment on anything else that might be helpful to the selection committee.

Girl Scouts of Western New York requests permission from the Girl Scout applicant to use her name and quotes from her application in news releases and other publicity.

- Yes, I give permission.
- No, I do not give permission.

I understand it is **MY** responsibility to contact Bev Rhodes, GSWNY, bev.rhodes@gswny.org, or 1-888-837-6410 x7984, to assure that my application and letter of recommendation have been received by the deadline.

Applicant's Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:

By inserting your electronic signature you verify that all of the information on this application is true and correct. Both signatures are required. All applicant information will be kept strictly confidential.

Application and letter of recommendation must be received by Bev Rhodes on or before **March 30, 2026**, to be considered. No exceptions.