

## Philosophy

Girl Scouts San Diego (GSSD) is committed to ensuring that all girls can participate in Girl Scouting, regardless of socioeconomic status. Financial assistance is a part of our council's continuing investment in leadership experiences for girls. No girl will be denied access to Girl Scouting for financial reasons.

## Guidelines

- Girl Scouts San Diego reserves the right to determine who qualifies based on need. Applications will be reviewed by a committee. The amount of funds granted varies based on need and available funds.
- Troops/groups should plan a self-sustaining budget. Through money-earning activities and adequate saving/spending plans, troops/groups should be able to cover activity expenses and membership/troop fees. If troops/groups cannot meet their financial goals, they should adjust activity schedules.
- Activities and events must contain Girl Scout Leadership Experience program values to qualify for assistance.

## Qualifications

- Financial assistance is only available to individual girl and adult members, not troops.
- Applicant must be currently registered with Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).
- Applicant's troop/group must have submitted an Annual Finance Report.
- Applicant's family must have cleared any outstanding balance owed to GSSD.
- Requests for retroactive or reimbursement funds will not be considered.

## Application process

- Each applicant must complete a separate application.
- Only fully completed applications are reviewed. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the activities/events for which the applicant is requesting financial assistance. Please allow up to four weeks for processing.
- The troop/group leader should work with the applicant or applicant's parent/guardian to complete the application. (Parents of Independently Registered Members may complete the application.)
- Email your application to [financialaid@sdgirlscouts.org](mailto:financialaid@sdgirlscouts.org) or mail/drop off your application to:

**Girl Scouts San Diego  
Financial Assistance  
1231 Upas Street  
San Diego, CA 92103**

- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact GSSD Customer Care at 619-610-0821:
- When assistance is granted for council sponsored event or troop/group start-up fees, funds granted will be transferred directly into the troop bank account. The troop/group leader and parent/guardian will receive an email with approval information.

### Applicant

Name of applicant

Service Unit                      Troop #                      # of Girls in Troop

### Program Level (select one)

Daisy     Brownie     Junior     Cadette     Senior

Ambassador

Troop/Group Leader's Name

Phone Number

Email Address

### Parent/Guardian

Name of Parent/Guardian

Phone Number

Email Address

Address

City    State    Zip

### Applicant and Troop/Group Information

- Is the applicant currently registered with Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA)?  Yes  No
- Is the applicant a renewing member of GSUSA?  Yes  No
- Has the troop/group turned in an Annual Finance Report?  Yes  No  Unsure
- Does the troop/group budget for their annual GSUSA membership cost?  Yes  No  Unsure
- Has the parent/guardian supported the girl by investing time, talent, or other resources into the troop/group?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:  
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- Does the applicant participate in troop/group money earning activities, such as the cookie program?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:  
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- Has the applicant or the applicant's family received financial assistance from Girl Scouts San Diego in the past?  Yes  No
- Is the applicant or the applicant's family eligible for federal, state, or other public assistance  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain:  
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### Financial Assistance Request

Please select the items for which the applicant is requesting financial assistance. **Note:** selecting these items does not guarantee approval by the committee.

| ✓                        | Item Request   | Retail Value | Council Use Only | Event Request                        | Council Use Only |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Uniform (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Sash <input type="checkbox"/> Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Daisy Tunic   | \$7-\$26     |                  | <b>Event Name:</b><br>.....<br>..... |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Membership Pin    | \$2.50       |                  |                                      |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Council ID   | \$5.50       |                  | Cost: .....                          |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Flag    | \$3.00       |                  |                                      |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Insignia Tab    | \$3.00       |                  | <b>Event Name:</b><br>.....<br>..... |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Troop Numbers (four)    | \$7          |                  |                                      |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | WAGGS Pin   | \$2.50       |                  | Cost: .....                          |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Book (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Journey  | \$7-\$17     |                  |                                      |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Troop/Group Start-Up Fee (\$20 per applicant)  | \$20         |                  |                                      |                  |

### Requests for financial assistance will not be considered for:

- Activities/events that do not directly relate to or support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience with direct outcomes (girls gain practical life skills or seek challenges in the world, etc.)
- Uniform pieces not listed above
- Outside events not promoted by Girl Scouts
- Girl Scouts of the USA online membership/registration beyond the first year
- Troop dues or meeting expenses
- Activities/events outside of San Diego Imperial County
- Amusement park events
- Dining experiences
- Hired transportation

I have read and understand the Philosophy, Guidelines and Qualifications for Girl Scouts San Diego's Opportunity Fund. I certify that the information provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian's Name (print) .....

Troop/Group Leader's (print) .....

Parent/Guardian's Signature ..... Date .....

Troop/Group Leader's Signature ..... Date .....

Approval Signature (Opportunity Fund Committee) ..... Date .....

| GSSD Council Use Only |    |    |
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