

## GSCSA Gold Award Scholarship Application 2026

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Scholarships are available for graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors through the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians. A completed application qualifies the applicant for consideration. Candidates will not be awarded multiple scholarships.

To qualify for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a Gold Award recipient (meeting the council deadline of February 1, 2026 or before) AND
- Be a current Ambassador-level Girl Scout member of our council who is graduating high school by August 2026. (*We are unfortunately unable to offer this funding to Gold Award recipients who have already graduated from high school*).

In addition to this completed form, the application package **must** include:

1. Submission of high school transcripts and ACT/SAT results. If you have not taken the ACT/SAT due to a financial hardship or other extenuating circumstances (ie. the school you are applying for doesn't require the scores of either test), please write a brief paragraph explaining the situation.
2. Submission of an essay not to exceed one typed, single-spaced page explaining your most important leadership activity outside of Girl Scouting.
3. Two letters of recommendation – one from within Girl Scouting and one external to Girl Scouting. These letters should not be from an immediate family member.
4. Copy of the acceptance letter for either a four-year college/university, community college, accredited trade/technical school, or post-high school academically based experience (i.e. an overseas gap year program or field research organization).
5. Record of all service hours. This can include those served with Girl Scouting and those served with other organizations.

The **completed** application must be in hand no later than **March 2, 2026 to:**

Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians  
Attn: Gold Award - Scholarships  
1567 Downtown West Blvd.  
Knoxville, TN. 37919

Emailed applications should be sent to: [info@girlscoutcsa.org](mailto:info@girlscoutcsa.org) by the deadline.

All scholarship candidates will be reviewed by a volunteer committee and if awarded, will be notified by email and invited to this years Gold Award Ceremony to receive their certificate.

**No applications will be accepted past the deadline.**

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Application checklist:

Check off:	Items to include:
	Current Girl Scout member (2025-2026 membership year)
	Graduating high school by August 2026
	Completed Gold Award Scholarship application
	ACT/SAT Scores (or explanation of extenuating circumstances)
	Leadership essay
	Letter of recommendation from outside Girl Scouting
	Letter of recommendation from within Girl Scouting
	Copy of acceptance letter
	Summary of Service Hours

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## Personal Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number or student ID number (for school payment) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Current address (House/Apt. # and Street) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Father/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_ Day phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_ Day phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Educational Experience and other information *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

School	City, State	Attendance dates	Expected graduation date
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High school grade point average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ *(Attach a copy of your high school transcript)*

College/University/program to attend *(please include website and/or contact information):*

Attach copy of letter or email proof of acceptance to GSCSA to [info@girlscoutcsa.org](mailto:info@girlscoutcsa.org).

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List all extracurricular activities and scholastic and leadership honors in school and in the community.

List all Service Hours, inside and outside of Girl Scouting. Add additional pages if needed.

List all leadership activities and awards in Girl Scouts.

How might your experience with your Gold Award or Girl Scouting in general allow you to continue to support or further the Girl Scout mission after high school?

Attach essay on your one most important leadership activity outside of Girl Scouting (*not to exceed one page, single spaced*).

Attach two letters of reference (*one from inside Girl Scouting and one external to Girl Scouting*).

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_