



## Girl Scout Shop Tax Exemption Packet

### Troop Sales Tax Exemption

Tennessee Troops may apply for tax exemption by completing a TN Tax Exempt Application.

In Tennessee, all materials and food purchased by a Girl Scout troop/group are exempt from sales tax, if the troop/group has a Tennessee Sales Tax Exemption Certificate and makes purchases with a troop/group check or check card with the troop/group name and number on it. (The name of the council, Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians or "GSCSA" must appear on the check or check card for sales tax exemption to be used.) TN Sales tax exemption certificates cannot be used with cash. State guidelines require a check or check card.

Tennessee Sales Tax Exemption packets are available on the council website and/or from each council leadership center. The packet contains an application, instructions for completing it, a copy of the Council Charter and 501(c)(3) determination letter, which must accompany each application. Information on two individuals, including social security numbers, are required to apply. After an application is received by the state it takes approximately three weeks to receive your exemption form. Originals should be kept with troop records and a copy provided to the council shop and local stores/restaurants to receive tax exemption.

#### **In this packet:**

- TN State Sales Tax Exemption Application
- Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians Council Charter
- 501(c)(3) Determination Letter

#### **Troop Sales Tax Exemption Steps:**

1. Complete the application included in this packet.
2. Submit application with required information and charter to the TN Department of Revenue.
3. Once processed, troops should receive a tax exemption certificate via mail.
4. Make a copy of the certificate and submit it to your Girl Scout Shop.

**How to complete the Tax Exemption Application:**

1. Organization name – Add Troop#
  - a. FEIN- 62-0518287
2. Enter Volunteer's mailing address (best if matches the mailing address on troop bank account)
3. Date Established: Oct. 1, 2010
  - a. Organization Phone # 800-474-1912
  - b. Email address – Volunteers email
4. Meeting Location Address
5. Organization Contact: Troop Banking Specialist
  - a. Phone number: 800-474-1912
  - b. Email: TroopBanking@GirlScoutCSA.org
6. Type of Exempt organization: 501(c)(3)
7. Personal Information for two (2) Troop Volunteer's (preferably signers on the troop account)
8. Meeting locations for Girl Scout programing and education
9. Must be signed by a troop volunteer

*Present the completed application and a copy of our charter to your local Department of Revenue Office:*

**Knoxville**

400 Main Street, Suite 453  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**Johnson City**

204 High Point Drive  
Johnson City, TN 37607

**Chattanooga**

1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 203  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

**Or by mailing the documents to:**

Tennessee Department of Revenue Taxpayer and Vehicle Services Division  
Andrew Jackson Office Building  
500 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN 37242

**Or by emailing the documents to (recommended):**

Revenue.Support@TN.Gov

Once you have received your Tax Exemption Certificate, please send a copy to your local council shop. We must charge sales tax unless a certificate is on file for your troop.

*Do not write on your original certificate – you may make copies to fill out and give to vendors.*



**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**Application for Exempt Organizations or Institutions**  
**Sales and Use Tax Exemption**

RV-F1306901 (12/17)

1. Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_ FEIN \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date Established \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
*Required*
4. Location Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Cannot use P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_
5. Organization Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
6. Type of exempt organization. Check all that apply. **You must submit proper documentation with application:**
  - a.  Organization listed under Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-6-322(a); Entity type: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  501(c)(3) (if located in Tennessee)
  - c.  501(c)(5) - Labor Organization
  - d.  501(c)(8) - Fraternal Benefit Organization
  - e.  501(c)(13) - Non-for-Profit Cemetery Company
  - f.  501(c)(19) - Veterans Organization
  - g.  501(c)(4) - War-Time Veterans Organization
  - h.  Federally Chartered Credit Union
  - i.  Tennessee Chartered Credit Union
  - j.  Tennessee Historic Property Preservation or Rehabilitation Entity
7. Identify two owners, officers, and/or partners (one of these must sign the affidavit below):
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Cannot Use P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (Cannot Use P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_
8. Describe the organization's activities at the location address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Affidavit of Applicant**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge this information is true and correct. I understand that any authority given as a result of this application is limited to sales, gifts, or donations of tangible personal property or services made *directly* to the exempt organization and does not extend to sales made to individuals paying with personal checks or personal debit or credit cards, even if the individual is a representative or employee of the above named organization and will be reimbursed for the purchase. The use of this authority for purposes other than those authorized by law may result in the assessment of additional taxes, penalties, and interest.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail application and attachments to:**

Tennessee Department of Revenue  
Taxpayer Services Division  
500 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN 37242

Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-6-322 provides a sales and use tax exemption to exempt organizations for the purchase of tangible personal property or services. In order to qualify for exemption, the sale must be made directly to the exempt organization, meaning the purchased item must be paid for with the exempt organization's funds. An individual paying with a personal check or personal debit or credit card may not receive the exemption, even if the individual is a representative or employee of the above named organization and will be reimbursed for the purchase. Further, the exemption does not apply to sales made by exempt organizations.

A Tennessee exempt organization wishing to make tax exempt purchases must obtain the Exempt Organizations or Institutions Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption prior to making purchases without the payment of tax. A new application must be completed for each location. Applicants must complete this form in its entirety and include all requested information. The applicant should mail the completed application to the Department of Revenue. If the application is approved, the taxpayer will be issued the Exempt Organizations or Institutions Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption for the named location.

Taxpayers that receive the exemption certificate must provide their vendors with a copy of the certificate or a fully completed Streamlined Sales Tax Certificate of exemption, which must include the Exempt Organizations or Institutions Exemption Number included on the certificate.

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**Instructions:**

- 1) - 5) Business information.
- 6) Indicate what type of exempt entity the applicant qualifies as.
  - (a) Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-6-322(a) includes churches, temples, synagogues, or mosques; universities (including the Agricultural Foundation for Tennessee Tech, Inc.), colleges, and schools; orphanages; institutions organized for the principal purpose of placing homeless children in foster homes; homes for the aged; hospitals; Girls' and Boys' Clubs; community health councils; volunteer fire departments; organ banks for transplantable tissue; organizations whose primary objective is to promote the spiritual and recreational environment of members of the armed services of the United States (e.g., United Service Organization); historical properties owned by the state and operated by the Historical Commission; nonprofit community blood banks; senior citizen service centers that meet the standards set by the Tennessee Commission on Aging for eligibility to receive state funds; or nonprofit corporations whose primary function involves the annual organization, promotion, and sponsorship of a statewide talent and beauty pageant in which contestants compete for scholarships, awarded by such nonprofit corporation, as well as for the opportunity of being Tennessee's representative and contestant in an annual nationwide talent and beauty pageant with which such nonprofit corporation is affiliated. You must attach a copy of your charter, bylaws, and/or any other documentation evidencing the organization's exempt activity.
  - (b)-(g) See 26 U.S.C. § 501(c) for a description of the qualifying federally exempt entities. You must attach documentation of the federal exemption. An out-of-state 501(c)(3) organization is not required to submit this application. It may present its federal exemption letter to make exempt purchases.
  - (h)-(i) 12 U.S.C. § 1768 prohibits states from taxing federally chartered credit unions, and Tenn. Code Ann. § 45-4-803 prohibits taxation of Tennessee chartered credit unions as long as there is a federal exemption. You must attach a copy of the letter of exemption issued by the National Credit Union Administration or a copy of the Tennessee charter as a credit union.
  - (j) See Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-4-2004 for a definition of a Tennessee historic property preservation or rehabilitation entity. You must attach documentation of direct or indirect ownership by a nonprofit entity and a copy of your charter.
- 7) Identify at least two owners, partners, or officers of the exempt organization with whom the Department may discuss the organization's account. This application must be signed by one of these individuals. You may submit additional owners/partners/officers on a separate sheet attached to this application.
- 8) Provide description of the organization or institution's activities at the location address. You may submit the description of the activities on a separate sheet attached to this application.



# GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL CHARTER

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Juliette Low, Founder

Issued to:

Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians, Inc.

is hereby chartered by Girl Scouts of the United States of America, a corporation chartered by Act of Congress, to operate as a Girl Scout council within the area of jurisdiction agreed upon with Girl Scouts of the United States of America, with the duties, rights, powers, and privileges of a local Girl Scout council as defined by Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

This charter is effective January 1, 2025 for up to 3 Year(s).

This charter is issued subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Girl Scout Charter Agreement therefore, which is dated November 19, 2024, and made a part hereof.

In testimony whereof, Girl Scouts of the United States of America has caused this charter to be signed by its officers on the

2<sup>nd</sup> of December in the year 2024.

Girl Scouts of the United States of America

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Noorain Kahn".

Noorain Kahn  
President, National Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Bonnie Barczykowski".

Bonnie Barczykowski  
Chief Executive Officer

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In reply refer to: 0248367569  
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GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN  
APPALACHIANS INC  
1567 DOWNTOWN WEST BLVD  
KNOXVILLE TN 37919

8171

Employer ID Number: 62-0518287  
Form 990 required: YES

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated July 21, 2016, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in October 1934, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

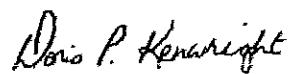
Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

Sincerely yours,



Doris Kenwright, Operation Mgr.  
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