

GSCSA Gold Award Scholarship Application 2020-2021

There are 10 scholarships available for graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors through the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians. A completed application qualifies the applicant in all three scholarship categories for consideration. Candidates will not be awarded multiple scholarships.

Gold Award Scholarships:

- Eight \$750 Board Designated Scholarships recognizing overall achievement.
- One \$1,000 Board Designated Scholarship recognizing the highest academic achiever among applicants.
- One \$1,000 Board Designated Scholarship recognizing the highest service achievement among applicants.

To qualify for the above noted scholarships, applicants must:

- Be a Gold Award recipient (meeting the council deadline of February 1, 2021 or before) AND
- Be a current Ambassador-level Girl Scout member of our council who is graduating high school by August 2021. (*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 the 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. FAFSA Application – Printed summary page, including family's expected financial contribution.
6. Record of all service hours. This can include those served with Girl Scouting and those served with other organizations.

The completed application must be turned in no later than **4:30pm on Monday, February 1, 2021**.

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 by the deadline.

All scholarship candidates will be reviewed by a volunteer committee and if awarded, will be notified by letter no later than May 31, 2021. Payment on all scholarships will be made directly to the college or program to be attended on behalf of the recipient.

No applications will be accepted past the deadline.

Application checklist:

Check off:	Items to include:
	Current Girl Scout member (2020-2021 membership year)
	Graduating high school by August 2021
	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 page from FAFSA application
	Summary of Service Hours

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Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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.



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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 _____