

Policy Statement: *It is the policy of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc. that no girl be denied participation in Girl Scouting due to financial reasons. Any girl who cannot participate or be a member because of finances may apply for financial assistance for membership fee, event fees and/or camp fees.*

Financial Assistance is also available for Girl Scout Handbooks, GSUSA Insignia, Girl Scout blouse or T-shirt, and a sash or vest. Items not covered include, but are not limited to, uniform components from the waist down or accessories.

Amount of grant awarded will be based on:

- financial need
- girl's/family's involvement in Girl Scouting
- number of applications received
- available funds

Financial assistance may be available for active Girl Scout adults: for membership fees, training and/or adult event fees.

A parent/guardian, troop/group leader, or other appropriate adult may initiate a request for Financial Aid. ***The Council will notify the initiator of the amount of assistance to be awarded per a standard formula applied to all requests.***

The financial aid application must be completed by the applicant and ***signed by another adult initiator other than a family member*** who has knowledge of the economic situation of the family. In the case of a girl applicant, a parent must also sign the form.

If the leader of the applicant is the parent of the applicant, the application must be ***signed by another adult initiator***. No application will be considered unless the application is completed in full and has the proper signatures.

A *Financial Aid Application* can be obtained from your Membership Representative, Service Unit Director or from your Regional Service Center.

If you wish to apply for financial aid, please complete the following steps:

1. Complete and sign a ***Financial Aid Application***. No application will be processed unless the complete information is provided. A separate application must be submitted for each Financial Aid request.
 2. Do not wait to hear back from the Council before registering for any event or camp program. You should always register for an event as soon as you know you want to attend and pay at least 25% of the fee to hold your spot.
 3. If applying for camp, attach the deposit and the camp registration form.
 4. All application fees will be returned if no aid is awarded. If financial aid is awarded, the application fee is applied to the balance.
 5. Secure the proper signatures. If the applicant's parent is the leader, then secure the proper initiator signature from another person. ***Relatives or Girl Scout employees cannot endorse the application.***
 6. Mail to: Your Regional Service Center
- The deadline for financial aid applications is four (4) weeks prior to the event or camp program.
 - If someone is awarded financial assistance for an event they do not attend, they are not eligible to receive financial assistance for the rest of the membership year.
 - Remember, girls have the opportunity to earn troop money through the Fall Product Sale and Cookie Sale. They can then use this money to attend programs or camp.

Applying for (Check One):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Membership Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> GSUSA Components | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Membership Fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Event Fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Training Fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Destination | | |

PART I (to be completed by adult initiator)

Name of Participant _____ Girl's Age _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ Troop # _____ # of years in Girl Scouting _____

Is the individual a current registered member with the Girl Scouts of the USA? yes no**The Girl Scout has participated in the following:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Product Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Attends troop meetings regularly |
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Event/Camp/Training Assistance:

Name of Event/Camp/Training _____

Registration Fee _____ Travel Expenses _____

(Deposit or 25% of fee) (if applicable)

Total Cost _____ Amount of financial aid Requested _____

Girl Scout Handbooks, Insignia or Uniform Components:

Description of Item(s) _____

Participant Contribution _____ Total Cost _____

Amount of Financial Aid Requested _____

Initiator's Signature _____ Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____**PART II (to be completed by Parent/Guardian):**

Has a family member received financial assistance from Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia before?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, when? _____ | For what purpose? _____ |
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Number of members in family _____ Ages of people residing in the home _____

Family Gross Income: Below \$10,000

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001-\$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,001-\$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001-\$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001-\$40,000 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001-\$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001-\$70,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001 and above |
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Does the family currently receive?Free or reduced lunch yes noUSDA Food Stamps yes noAid for Dependent Children yes no

Are there any special economic circumstances that should be considered in our review of this application? If yes, please explain: _____

I understand that I am providing the above information as part of the Financial Aid Application for _____ (PRINT NAME). I agree to her/my participation in this aid process and certify that the information provided is correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

For Office Use Only:

Award Amount: _____ Approved by: _____

Date of Approval: _____ Confirmation Date: _____