



GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

AWARD The Texas Elks State Association awards a \$2,500 scholarship annually to one 2016 Texas graduating senior who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The 2017 scholarship must be used at a Texas college, university or trade/vocational school during the 2017-2018 school year.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution the recipient attends, upon receipt of the enrollment verification form from the school.

APPLICATION DEADLINE Application must be received by **March 15, 2017**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

MAIL APPLICATION TO Elks Lodge nearest to your home for approval and submittal to the committee. If necessary, use the Lodge Locator at www.elks.org to locate your nearest Elks Lodge.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a 2017 graduating senior Girl Scout who needs financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses.
- Earn the Girl Scout Gold Award and provide proof of final approval of project by May 1, 2017.
- Plan to attend a Texas college, university or trade/vocation school during 2017-2018 school year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Fill out **all** blanks on the TESA Gold Award Scholarship Application. Type or print legibly in **black ink**.
- In addition, submit the following information:
 - Request your high school to send an official transcript to the Elks Lodge (attn. Gold Award Scholarship Chairman) to which you will be mailing your application. A transcript is **required** for your application to be considered.
 - Three (3) letters of recommendation. One recommendation should be from an adult Girl Scout who is not a relative. Other letters may be from school, church or community representatives. Letters must be signed. (Unsigned copies will not be considered.)
 - Copy of Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report as submitted to your Girl Scout Council. (*Application may be submitted prior to final Council approval; however confirmation of Council approval by May 1 will be required before scholarship is awarded.*)
- Enclose application and additional documents in a clear folder or 3-ring binder. Applications will not be returned to applicants regardless of the outcome of the selection process. (All applications become the property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and will be destroyed after judging.) Please include photos and any/all data pertaining to your Gold Award.
- Please include a signed copy of your Gold Award approval.

SELECTION PROCESS

A three-judge panel will evaluate applications on leadership, achievement, recommendations and financial need. Judges may award additional weight for an outstanding Gold Award Project.

If the Gold Award Final Report does not indicate your Council's final approval of your Project, confirmation that approval was received by May 1 will be required from your Council via email or fax in the form of a statement of approval or copy of your Gold Award Certificate, before the scholarship can be awarded.



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Deadline for submission: March 15, 2017
Type or print in **black ink**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ City _____ Zip _____

Girl Scout Council _____ Projected Date of Graduation _____

S.A.T. Score _____ A.C.T. score _____ Grade Point Average _____ Class Ranking _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Mother's occupation _____ Father's occupation _____

What is your family's total annual income? \$ _____

Number of dependents (age 23 and under) who are supported by the family: _____

Other scholarships you have been awarded (please list):

Awarded By

Amount

Name of Texas College, university or trade/vocational school you hope to attend:

What will be your major field of study in school?

How many years have you been a registered Girl Scout?

Date Girl Scout Gold Award completed or approved: _____ (Please indicate if approval is pending)

Girl scouting achievements:

(Attach additional page(s) if needed)

List leadership positions and honors received during your senior high school years from your religious institution, high school and community. *(Attach additional page(s) if needed)*

Leadership	Honors
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Describe your involvement in each of the following:

Your school extracurricular activities, i.e. band

(Attach additional page(s) if needed)

Your community extracurricular activities, i.e. church groups

(Attach additional page(s) if needed)

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- Enclose three (3) letters of recommendation
- Enclose a copy of your Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report

APPLICATION CERTIFICATIONS AND CONSENTS

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. I give my permission for the Texas Elks State Association and/or its local lodges to use my name and to quote from my application in news and other publicity media. I understand that this application becomes the property of the Texas Elks State Association and will not be returned.

Date _____ Signature _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT: I/We hereby certify that the information pertaining to my/our daughter is true and correct and I/we hereby waive any claim against the Texas Elks State Association and its subordinate lodges.

Date _____ Signature _____

GIRL SCOUT LEADER: The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent the Texas Elks State Association and the Girl Scouts of America and has my recommendation.

Date _____ Signature _____

Lodge Certification:

THIS APPLICATION MUST HAVE SPONSORING LODGE ENDORSEMENT TO BE ACCEPTED FOR TEXAS ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION JUDGING. APPLICATION MUST BE MADE ON THIS OFFICIAL TESA FORM. PHOTOCOPIES OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS OR FACSIMILES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE TEXAS ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION AND WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER JUDGING.

LODGE ENDORSEMENT

This application, with attached exhibits AND TRANSCRIPT, has been received by the established deadline.

Lodge Name/Number _____ Date _____

Signature and Title (ER, Secretary, or Scholarship Chairman) _____

LODGE SEAL

LODGE PERSONNEL: NO LATER THAN MARCH 24, 2017,
FORWARD THIS APPLICATION TO THE TESA GOLD AWARD CHAIRMAN.
(No Lodge level judging required.)