



Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship FAQs for Girl Scouts

What is the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship?

The Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship is a scholarship program that recognizes the outstanding achievement of and provides financial support to one Gold Award Girl Scout per council. These scholarship recipients have completed Gold Award projects that demonstrate extraordinary leadership, measurable and sustainable impact, and that address an issue of national and/or global significance.

Who is eligible?

Any Gold Award Girl Scout whose Gold Award final report has been approved by their council in GoGold, between **April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022**, is eligible to apply. Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award after March 2022 can apply for the scholarship in a future year.

When can I apply?

Applications open in GoGold on April 1. Please check with your council's Gold Award team to find out their deadline.

How can I apply?

Log into your GoGold account at gogold.girlscouts.org. Look for the “**Apply for a GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship**” box in the dashboard to complete the application. It will include four questions that you can respond to via written essay or video response (shared in linkable format like YouTube or Vimeo). You will also have the option to edit your profile info and photograph, your council, as well as your Gold Award title, project theme(s), and Experience Log. You're also invited to attach additional files for your council to review.

I have already completed my Gold Award and did not use GoGold. Can I still apply for a Gold Award Scholarship?

You can apply, but first you will need to resubmit your application in GoGold. Please keep in mind that the final report needs to be “approved” by your council in GoGold no later than April 1, 2022.

Here are a few pro tips:

- You can skip steps 1 and 2 in GoGold — these are not mandatory.
- You can copy and paste your proposal and final report answers directly into GoGold.
- You can ask your council whether you can write in “n/a” for any questions.
- We recommend starting early! While we don't anticipate this being a long process, you will need to receive troop leader and project advisor digital verification. Your council will also need to approve both your proposal and final report. Please keep their schedules in mind.

What are the guidelines for uploading a photograph to my application?

Your photo should be a head-and-shoulders image of you, such as a yearbook photo or other studio portrait. You're encouraged to wear your Girl Scout uniform, if possible. Informal head-and-shoulders images are welcome but should be free of distracting objects in the background.

Please also avoid tank tops, bathing suits, bare shoulders, low-cut shirts, and clothing with logos or bold patterns. Ensure your photo is no larger than 10 MB.

If I want to respond to the question prompts via video, what are the requirements?

Your video should be recorded in a **linkable format** that you can upload to a sharable site such as **YouTube or Vimeo**. Make the links public, then paste them into the appropriate sections of your application. Ask your council for help if you have problems recording or adding your videos.

- Please wear your **Girl Scout Senior/Ambassador uniform**, if you have one.
- If you choose to introduce yourself during your videos, **please only say your first name**; no other contact information is needed as it's on the application.
- The video can be made using **any recordable device**, including a smartphone, tablet, or digital camera.
- If recording your video from your cellphone, please **hold the phone horizontally** as it captures higher quality video.
- Be sure that the recording on the video is **clear and audible** and that there are **no visible or audible distractions** in the background.
- Your videos do not need to be professionally shot or edited—the purpose is for reviewers to **clearly understand your responses** in the format you're most comfortable using.

How do I determine my project theme(s)?

Select a theme that best describes your project area. (A maximum of five themes can be selected.) For example, if you created a garden to supply a homeless shelter with fresh vegetables and fruit, the themes would be homelessness and hunger.

How will the 2022 Girl Scouts of the USA Scholarship Recipient be recognized?

Each scholarship recipient will receive:

- A \$2000 academic scholarship.
- An official letter of notification.
- Promotion that helps them reach a broad audience while highlighting the importance and impact of their projects.
- Movement-wide recognition, details TBA.

Additionally, all scholarship recipients will be added to a GSUSA database where they may be asked to serve as representatives for Girl Scouts through public relations, web/social, speaking engagements, or other related opportunities.

Are there other opportunities available for Gold Award Girl Scouts?

Absolutely! You are a terrific candidate for scholarship opportunities, including scholarships aimed specifically at Gold Award Girl Scouts. Be sure to check out the [GSUSA Scholarship Database](#) for a roundup of these opportunities.

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The information contained in this document is meant solely to provide guidance to Gold Award Girl Scouts who are interested in submitting an application to be considered for the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship. Any posting of this document on Google or website is strictly prohibited.