

Graduating Girl Scout Academic Scholarship

Introduced in 2017, the Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons (GSDH) scholarship program recognizes the positive impact Girl Scouts has on the development of leadership skills and values your continued participation in Girl Scouts. The Scholarship Committee annually selects a number of registered Girl Scouts in the GSDH council to receive scholarships for study at an accredited post-secondary institution or program of their choice. Number and amount of awards will vary.

Beginning in 2019, Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons in partnership with Raven Industries, Inc. is offering the Raven STEM Career Scholarship in addition to the general academic scholarship. Review the requirements section below for details. Applicants can request to be considered for both the general and STEM scholarships.

Procedures

To ensure applicant is given full consideration, the Girl Scout applying for a Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons scholarship must:

- Use the enclosed application or download and print at gsdakotahorizons.org
- Complete the application personally and answer all questions on the application.
- Enclose all items requested with the application form to ensure all items are available for review at the same time. Items should not be stapled.
- Send completed application to: Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons, **Attn: Sr. Director of Member Support**, 1101 S Marion Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. Application must be postmarked by February 1, 2019 for consideration. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted for consideration nor will incomplete or late applications.

All applications become the property of GSDH and will not be returned to the applicant.

Requirements

To ensure the application is given full consideration, applicant must:

- Be a registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons.
- Be a graduating high school senior attending high school or equivalent in the GSDH jurisdiction during the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Be entering her first semester of college as a full-time student within the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Have demonstrated leadership ability and strong participation in activities both within and outside of Girl Scouts.
- Complete all parts of the Scholarship Application and enclose all requested documents in one envelope.
- Provide an official transcript of high school grades covering the past 4 years.
- Submit a photocopy of ACT and/or SAT score.
- Follow the instructions provided in the essay section of the application.
- Submit a photo/media release form signed by your parent or guardian.

For applicants of the Raven STEM Career Scholarship, the applicant:

- Must indicate a major in a field related to Science, Technology, Engineering or Math on the application.
- Select to be considered for the STEM Career Scholarship on the application.

Scholarship Conditions

When accepting the scholarship, the recipient agrees to the following conditions:

- To provide a copy of her college acceptance letter and the first semester schedule to indicate enrollment and full time status.
- To register for the upcoming membership year as an Adult Member or Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons by August 1, 2019.
- Achieve a 2.5 GPA (or higher) in the semester of which the 1st funds disbursement was made. Send an official transcript from the post-secondary school indicating the required 2.5 GPA (or higher) to: Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons, Attn: **Sr. Director of Member Support**, 1101 S. Marion Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. GSDH reserves the right to terminate the second-half of the scholarship if recipient's GPA falls below 2.5.
- To use funds for tuition, room and board and books.

The scholarship is limited for use at an accredited postsecondary institution or program.

GSDH pays all funds directly to the post-secondary school. Funds are distributed based on the post-secondary school's guidelines. The first-half of the award will be paid to the school upon confirmation of full-time status. The second and final payment is made to the post-secondary school after first semester transcript is received.

Before submitting your application packet, please place the documents in the following order:

- Completed application
- Essay responses 1-7
- Official high school transcript
- Copy of ACT and/or SAT score
- Photo/Media Release form with head & shoulders photo

To be eligible for consideration, the application form and all attachments **must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2019**. All applicants will receive notification of her application status in writing by April 1.

Graduating Girl Scout Scholarship Application

Please print or type using black or blue ink.

Please consider my application for: (check all that apply)

General Scholarship

Raven STEM Career Scholarship

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Troop or SU# _____ Troop Leader's Name: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date (MM/YY): ____/____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Field of study: _____

Post-Secondary school(s) I have applied to (in order of preference):

FAMILY STATUS

of children in family: _____ # of children in family attending college other than applicant: _____

Father's Occupation & Employer: _____

Mother's Occupation & Employer: _____

What are you currently doing to help finance your postsecondary education? _____

ESSAY SECTION

The following questions should be answered in an essay format unless otherwise specified. Use one side of one page per question to respond. Answers should be 250 words or less, typed in 12 point font with a word count at the end. At the top left of each page include your name, address and question number.

1. Tell us about your future academic and career goals. Then tell us what stimulated your interest in your chosen career field and what attributes you possess that will make you successful.
2. Describe your 2 most meaningful achievements, your leadership role in each and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.
3. Tell us about the leadership skills you developed in Girl Scouts. Describe how you will use these skills in the future.
4. What skills did you learn by participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program?
5. Create a table to list your volunteer experiences from the last 4 years. Provide the total number of volunteer hours at the bottom. Use the following column headings:

Name of agency or organization	Type of volunteer work	Total # of hours volunteered
	Total # hours	

6. Which Girls Scouts Highest awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards) have you earned? Please list the project name and in what year you were recognized for the award.
7. Tell us about your favorite Girl Scout memory.

CONSENT OF APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Girl Scouts – Dakota Horizons scholarship and hereby submit my application. All information and statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I have read and approved the scholarship application in its entirety.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Send all requirements in 1 package to:
 Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons
 Attn: Sr. Director of Member Support
 1101 S Marion Rd
 Sioux Falls, SD 57106

PHOTO/MEDIA RELEASE

We understand that by accepting the Graduating Girl Scout Scholarship the recipient may be photographed for print, video or electronic imaging. We understand that the images may be used in promotional materials, news releases and other published formats for either Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons or Girl Scouts of the USA. We acknowledge that the images will be the sole property of Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons and Girl Scouts of the USA.

Name of Applicant/Minor: _____ Age: _____
(Please Print) First Last

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
(Please Print) First Last

Signature: _____
(Parent/guardian must sign if 18 years of age or younger)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please provide a wallet size, head and shoulders style photo.