

Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons (GSDH) is committed to providing all girls the opportunity to participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. The GSDH scholarships are designed to assist new and renewing members in our council jurisdiction by providing supplemental resources beyond a member’s ability to pay. Scholarship allocations are subject to availability within the council’s current operating budget. The eligibility and important information below are offered to outline the application process for the 4 scholarships available – Girl & Adult Membership, Girl Retail, and Girl Program.

GIRL MEMBERSHIP – [online form](#)

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to new or renewing girls
- Form must be completed in full and submitted by the parent/guardian on behalf of their girl
- Girl scholarship applicants/family must:
 - Be a good financial standing with the council
 - Commit to assisting with transportation to and from activities and other needs as able/willing

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications are kept confidential
- GSDH encourages girls and families to contribute to membership dues and add the amount the household can pay to the application
 - A copy of the application and contribution payments should be remitted to GSDH Headquarters at the time of application
- Scholarships are not granted to an entire troop or service unit
- Scholarships will not be provided for funds already spent
- When GSDH’s annual operating budget allows and applicant qualifies, GSDH scholarships will be awarded as follows:

| GIRL | Requirements | Membership Dues Scholarship |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| New Member (1st year) | 1. Complete Scholarship Application 2. Receive free/reduced meals or provide a compelling statement of need | Up to \$35 annual membership dues |
| Renewing (2+ years) | 1. Complete Scholarship Application 2. Receive free/reduced meals or provide a compelling statement of need | Up to \$35 annual membership dues |

ADULT MEMBERSHIP – [online form](#)

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to new/renewing adult volunteers
- Form must be completed and submitted by the applicant
- Adult scholarship applicant must:
 - Be in good financial standing with the council
 - Commit to a minimum of 12 hours of volunteer service to Girl Scouts

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications are kept confidential
- GSDH encourages the individual, the troop and the service unit to contribute to membership dues and add to the application the amount that each party can pay
- A copy of the application and contribution payments should be remitted to GSDH Sioux Falls location upon approval
- Scholarships are not granted to an entire troop or service unit
- Scholarships will not be provided for funds already spent
- When GSDH's annual operating budget allows and applicant qualifies, GSDH scholarships will be awarded as follows:

| Adult | Requirements | Membership Dues Scholarship |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| New Member (1st year) | 1. Complete Scholarship Application including a compelling statement of need. 2. Commits to at least 12 hours of volunteer service. | Up to \$35 annual membership dues |
| Renewing (2+ years) | 1. Complete Scholarship Application including a compelling statement of need. 2. Commits to at least 12 hours of volunteer service. | Up to \$35 annual membership dues |

GIRL RETAIL – [online form](#)

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to new or renewing girl members
- Form must be completed in full and submitted by a parent/guardian requesting assistance for their girl
- Scholarship recipient must be a currently registered girl member of Girl Scouts - Dakota Horizons (GSDH)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications are kept confidential
- GSDH encourages girls and families to contribute to uniform and supply costs and add the amount the household can pay to the application.
- Retail scholarships are limited to the items listed on the application
- Scholarships are not granted to an entire troop
- Scholarships will not be provided for funds already spent
- Retail Scholarships are limited to one request per program grade level. For example, 1 request for Daisy years of Kindergarten and 1st grades; 1 request for Brownie years of 2nd & 3rd grades, etc.
- Items available with Retail Scholarship:
 - 1 Tunic/Sash (If vest is desired, retail scholarship will cover the value of age appropriate sash between \$7.00-\$9.00)
 - 1 GSUSA / Council ID Strip
 - 5-digit troop numerals
 - 1 Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting
- When GSDH's annual operating budget allows and applicant qualifies, GSDH scholarships will be awarded as follows:

| GIRL | Requirements | Retail Store Scholarship |
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| New Member (1st year) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Be a registered girl member2. Complete Scholarship Application3. Eligible for free/reduced meals or provide a compelling statement of need. | Recipient will receive a voucher indicating the items eligible to receive at GSDH Retail Store. Family responsible for shipping charges. |
| Renewing (2+ years) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Be a registered girl member2. Complete Scholarship Application3. Eligible for free/reduced meals or provide a compelling statement of need. | Council provides up to 50% of costs for retail equest. Parent/Troop/Service Unit supports remainder due. Recipient will receive a voucher indicating the items eligible to receive at GSDH Retail Store. Family responsible for shipping charges. |

If awarded, the caregiver will receive a voucher for the approved retail items. Redeem voucher at retail store or call to make arrangements. Payment in full is due at time of purchase. All shipping fees are the responsibility of the caregiver.

GIRL PROGRAM – [online form](#)

ELIGIBILITY

- Available to new or renewing girl members
- Form must be completed and submitted by the parent/guardian
- Girl scholarship applicants/family must:
 - Be in good financial standing with the council
 - Commit to share the cost of the event fee via family, troop and/or service unit contribution

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications are kept confidential. The application will not be shared with volunteers collecting registrations for volunteer-led events.
 - The volunteer who is collecting registrations for a volunteer-led event/camp will be notified of the girl's registration fee payment via scholarship from council
- GSDH requires girls and families to share the cost of event/camp fees.
 - A copy of the application and contributing payments should be remitted to GSDH Fargo once application has been approved. Mail to: GSDH, Attn: Program Registrar, 1002 43rd St S, Fargo, ND 58103
- Scholarships are not granted to an entire troop
- Scholarships are not available for troop, service unit or council travel programs
- Scholarships will not be provided for funds already spent
- When GSDH's annual operating budget allows and applicant qualifies, GSDH scholarships will be awarded as follows:

| GIRL | Requirements | Event/Camp Scholarship |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| New Member (1st year) | 1. Complete Scholarship Application 2. Receive free/reduced meals or provide a compelling statement of need. | Assistance awarded for up to 50% of event/camp fee; annual scholarship allocation no more than \$60/girl for the membership year (Oct –Sept). |
| Renewing (2+ years) | 1. Complete Scholarship Application 2. Receive free/reduced meals or provide a compelling statement of need. | Assistance with up to 50% of program fee; annual scholarship allocation no more than \$40/girl for the membership year (Oct – Sept). |