

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.

Procedures

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

- Use the preceding worksheet to prepare to submit the online application found at gsdakotahorizons.org/scholarships.
- Complete the application personally and answer all questions on the application.
- Faxed or mailed 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 online Scholarship Application.
- Provide a transcript of high school grades covering the past 4 years.
- Submit a photocopy of ACT and/or SAT score.
- Submit a consent/photo/media release form signed by your parent or guardian.

Scholarship Conditions

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

- To submit Scholarship Acceptance Form to initiate first payment.
- 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.
- 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: Girl Experience Manager, 1002 43rd Street S, Fargo, ND 58103, or email ge@gsdakotahorizons.org. GSDH reserves the right to terminate the second-half of the scholarship if recipient's GPA falls below 2.5. A transcript upon completion of the first semester must be sent no later than February 1.
- 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. 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 in the online form, prepare the following documents:

- Essay responses 1-7 per guidelines
- Digital copy of high school transcript
- Digital copy of ACT and/or SAT score
- Consent to Apply & Photo/Media Release form
- Head & shoulders photo

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

Graduating Girl Scout Scholarship Worksheet



The following responses will be entered into the online form. Use this worksheet to prepare your answers.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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):

Essay Section

The following questions should be answered in an essay format unless otherwise specified. Answer questions 1-7 using 1 page per question. Put your date of birth in the upper right corner of each page formatted as MM/DD/YY (i.e. 04/01/90). State the question and present your response in 250 words or less, typed in 12 point font with a word count at the end. Save the file as a PDF named "LastName Questions 1-7" and upload into the application.

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 and how these relate to Girl Scouts' outcomes (Strong Sense of Self, Positive Values, Challenge Seeking, Healthy Relationships, and Community Problem Solving). Describe how you will use these skills in the future.
4. How did participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program help you develop the 5 Skills (Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics)?
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

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: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____