



## Overview

### Who Can Apply?

Any currently registered Girl Scout in the state of Texas who has earned her Gold Award by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and is planning to enroll in a two or four-year university during the calendar year from June 1<sup>st</sup> (current year) – May 31<sup>st</sup> (next year).

### How much is the Award?

**Two scholarships** will be awarded in the amount of **\$1,000**.

The scholarship recipient will be eligible to receive her scholarship after graduation from high school and must utilize the award within one year of graduation, unless other arrangements are made with the committee. The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the university or higher educational institution to be applied toward tuition. Unused funds will revert back to the Statewide Gold Award Scholarship Endowment Fund.

### What are the requirements?

- Have earned the Gold Award in the state of Texas and received approval for final project by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Currently registered as a Girl Scout in a Texas Girl Scout Council.
- Has a need for financial assistance.
- Plans to enroll/is enrolled in a college, university or higher education institute during the calendar year from June 1<sup>st</sup> (current year) - May 31<sup>st</sup> (next year).
- Has a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.
- Fills out and submits the Statewide Gold Award Scholarship Application and other required supplemental materials

### When is the Application Deadline?

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please note: Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will NOT be considered.

### Where do I submit the Application?

**Email:** [goldaward@sjgs.org](mailto:goldaward@sjgs.org)

If you have any questions, please ask your council or send an email to [goldaward@sjgs.org](mailto:goldaward@sjgs.org).

### When will I be notified?

The Statewide Gold Award Scholarship Selection Committee will meet to select the scholarship recipients; all applicants will be notified about the final decision by the first week in June.

# Application Guidelines

- 1. Send your completed application and supplemental material by email. If sending scans, please ensure legibility.**
- 2. Your application and both of your essays must be typed.**

Here are some suggestions to help you complete an application:

- ✓ Read the directions and the entire application before you begin.
- ✓ Write all responses on another piece of paper first, or copy the blank application and fill it out in pencil. Once you are satisfied with all your answers, type the information onto the original application. Copy the completed form and save it for your records. The copy will be there for you to refer to when completing other applications, and you will have it in case you need to send a replacement copy.
- ✓ Give yourself plenty of time to gather all information needed.
- ✓ Select your reference carefully. Choose people who really know you and who are willing to complete the reference form on time. If appropriate, you could ask your Gold Award Project Advisor to serve as a reference, although this is not required. It is more important for this person to really know you rather than being well known or involved in your Gold Award project themselves. Allow the person you ask to be your reference enough time to complete the form and return it to you.
- ✓ When writing your essay, remember to use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling. All work should be your own original writing. However, after you complete your essay, ask someone you know to read it and suggest corrections. This could be a parent, a teacher, or a friend whose opinion you value.
- ✓ When providing information about yourself, remember the acronym: S.A.L.T. This stands for Scholarship, Achievement, Leadership, and Teamwork. Sharing what you have accomplished or experienced in each of these areas will give others a good idea about who you are.

# Application

Submit the following information by email to [goldaward@sjgs.org](mailto:goldaward@sjgs.org)

- The enclosed application—filled out completely, including a verification signature from a member of your home Council's staff
  - Gold Award Essay (see page 6)
  - Financial Need Essay (see page 6)
  - A copy of your official high school transcript sent by either mail or email
    - You or your school can mail the **official transcript** to Girl Scouts of San Jacinto/Attn: Alix Reilman, 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098 (post marked by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline)
    - You or your school can email a scanned copy of the **official transcript** to [goldaward@sjgs.org](mailto:goldaward@sjgs.org) (emailed by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline)
- NOTE:** An official transcript must include an official school seal and/or official signature on the transcript.
- Parent Statement (see page 5)
  - Reference Form (see pages 7-9)

**Please note that a transcript is the ONLY application material that can be sent by mail and it is preferred to be received by email. All other materials MUST arrive via email or they will not be considered.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Gold Award was Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of siblings age 23 and under who are supported by the family: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification:** I certify to the accuracy of the following facts. If selected, I will release my name, address and photograph to my Girl Scout council for publication in their newsletter, magazine, and other local newspapers/publications.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Girl Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Certification:** I verify that the above-named applicant is a registered member of GSUSA. (To be signed by a member of your home Council's staff—the applicant is responsible for obtaining this signature.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Authorized Council Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of college, university or other higher learning institution you hope to attend:**

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**What will be your major field of study in school?**

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**How many years have you been a registered Girl Scout?**

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**Date of final approval for Girl Scout Gold Award:**

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**Girl Scouting Achievements:**

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List leadership positions and honors received during your senior high school years from your religious institution, high school and community. Use attachments if necessary.

**Leadership Positions**

**Honors**

Describe your involvement in each of the following. Use attachments if necessary.

**A. Your school extracurricular activities (i.e. band):**

**B. Your community extracurricular activities (i.e. church group):**

## Parent Statement Regarding Selection of Statewide Gold Award Scholarship

This form must be signed and attached to the application. If not, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for the application process.

By signing this statement, I accept that there is value and experience gained through the application process regardless of the outcome.

By signing this statement, I agree to accept the decision of selection by the Statewide Gold Award Scholarship Selection Committee as final.

In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, I hereby totally and voluntarily waive any claim against the Girl Scout Councils in Texas and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. If selected, I agree to have my daughter's name, address and photograph released to her Girl Scout council for publication in their newsletter, magazine, and other local newspapers/publications.

Furthermore, I have been apprised that under no circumstances will the reasons for an applicant's acceptance or rejection be disclosed or discussed. Once submitted, all materials become the property of the Statewide Gold Award Scholarship Selection Committee.

I have read the foregoing and I agree to the contents of this statement.

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Applicant's Name

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Date

# Essays

## 1. Gold Award Essay

Please type a 500 word (or less) essay describing your Gold Award Project. The essay should include the following:

- a. What issue you addressed
- b. Why you picked that issue
- c. How the community was impacted by your project
- d. How you planned to sustain your project and did your sustainability plan work
- e. What you learned from your project and how it impacted you

## 2. Financial Need Short Essay

Please type a 150 word (or less) short essay describing how the scholarship would be of assistance. Please include information on any family situation(s) causing a financial hardship. Also include any information about scholarships that have already been received.

# Applicant Reference Form

**Deadline:** May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Submission:** email to [goldaward@sjgs.org](mailto:goldaward@sjgs.org)

## Instructions

**Scholarship Applicant:** Please complete Part I and ask an adult who knows you well to fill out Part II on your behalf. *Your parents or other relatives may not complete a reference form for you.*

**Reference:** Complete Part II. Please type. Return this reference form directly to the applicant, so she can turn it in with her application.

## Part I: To be completed by the applicant

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scout Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II: To be completed by the reference

I am applying for the Statewide Gold Award Scholarship. The young woman who applies for the Statewide Gold Award Scholarship must:

- Have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and received approval of Gold Award final project by their council Gold Award Committee.
- Currently be registered as a Girl Scout in the state of Texas.
- Have a need for financial assistance.
- Plan to enroll in a college, university or higher education institute during the calendar year from June 1 (current year) - May 31 (next year).

I would appreciate it if you would provide a reference for me using this form to describe my qualifications.

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known her?

Check one rating in each category to assess the following qualities of the candidate. Mark N/A, not applicable, if you do not know.

Qualities	Poor	Fair	Average	Above Average	Superior	N/A
Dependable and responsible						
Relates well to new people						
Communicates/shares ideas or feelings						
Accepts differences in people						
Works well with peers						
Relates well to adults						
Adaptable and flexible						
Shows humor and spontaneity						
Takes part in decision-making						
Able to direct the work of others						
Problem-solving ability						

Please describe the applicant's special strengths, skills and areas of weakness as they related to the criteria for the scholarship. Please give specific examples. (You may attach additional pages to this form if needed.)



**General Reference Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number (Day):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number (Evening):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check your status:**                       Girl Scout                       Non-Girl Scout