



Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship: A Guide for Gold Award Girl Scouts

Congratulations on your remarkable achievement: becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout! You have created lasting change in the world while earning the greatest achievement in Girl Scouting. *High five!*

Now that you've earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, did you know that you can apply for a Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award Scholarship to put towards college? The GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship is a program that recognizes and provides financial support to one Gold Award Girl Scout per council.

You're eligible to apply if your final report was approved in [GoGold](#) between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. If you completed your Gold Award during those dates but did not use GoGold, please reach out to your council about resubmitting your application in GoGold before the scholarship process opens on April 1.

Each Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award 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 project.
- Movement-wide recognition, details TBA.

If you are selected as a GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Recipient, you will agree to the following:

- Respond to requests to represent Girl Scouts through public relations, web/social, speaking engagements, or other related opportunities.
- Follow the GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Policy.
- Sign and return all required documents including photo/media release and scholarship commitment, report, and disbursement forms.
- Complete the GSUSA-issued report form at the end of semester where my funds were expended, describing my experience and accomplishments, and including detailed substantiation (ie: payment receipts and/or itemized invoices from the university) of how the funds were used.
- Represent Girl Scouts to the best of my abilities and uphold the Girl Scout Promise and Law at my college or university.



Here's How to Apply

You can submit your responses and other application materials on **GoGold** (GoGold.GirlScouts.org) **beginning April 1, 2022**. **Simply log in and click on the “Apply for a GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship” box in the dashboard.** Please reach out to your council for their final submission date.



You'll Answer Four Questions

You can choose to respond to the prompts via written essay or video response (see next page for details).

1. In 2,000 characters or less, please summarize your Gold Award project.

Summarize your project in a narrative describing the root cause, how your project addresses it, the resources you leveraged, and how you achieved your goal. Be sure to indicate how you displayed leadership, detailing 1) how you led a team to accomplish your goals and 2) how you involved appropriate community members in your solution.

2. In 2,000 characters or less, please describe how your project had measurable and sustainable impact.

Share how you collected information or data throughout your project and used it to show how your actions had an impact on your issue. Then, share how your project carries on or continues to have impact even after you've done your part!

3. In 2,000 characters or less, please describe how your project had a local connection to a national or global issue.

Why does your project matter? Explain how your project meaningfully addressed an issue that is relevant nationwide and/or worldwide.

4. In 2,000 characters or less, please describe the impact completing your Gold Award project has had on you.

Include what new skills you may have gained, what qualities you have learned about yourself, and how these discoveries will help you in the future.

You'll also have the chance to **edit** your profile info/photo, your Gold Award title and theme(s), and your Experience Log. You're also invited to **attach additional files** for your council's review.



Pro-Tips and Guidelines



Questions Pro-Tips

- If you'd like to get started early, **we recommend working on your responses in Word, another word processing app or via video.** You can then **copy and paste** your answers or video links into GoGold when the application opens on April 1.
- There is a known issue in the Grammarly browser extension that creates issues in GoGold. While working in GoGold **please temporarily turn off Grammarly and/or use a Chrome Incognito window.**
- Please pay careful attention to the coaching prompts (which are in italics on the previous page). **Be sure to provide all the information requested.** Whether you're planning written or video responses, this will help your work shine!



Video Guidelines

If you choose to respond to the questions with video responses, please note your video should be in a **linkable format** that you can make public and 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.