



Girl Scouts®
Greater Los Angeles

Guidelines for Financial Assistance

All information and requests are kept CONFIDENTIAL

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is committed to helping all girls participate in Girl Scouting. The Financial Assistance Fund was created for membership and program opportunities in and beyond the troop activities for individual girls and adults. Financial Assistance is carefully considered and the amounts offered are based on available funds in the annual Financial Assistance Budget.

Girl Scouting strives to teach girls the valuable lesson of planning within their troop budget. The troop plans ahead with money-earning projects, such as the cookie and nut sales and to cover expenses for activities/events. Financial Assistance Funds should not be used as means of covering costs a troop is unable to handle. For example, if 50 percent of the troop cannot pay for the activity or event, a less expensive activity should be planned. The troop/group leaders should ensure that the amount requested from families is reasonable and in line with the economic conditions of troop members. In addition, the Financial Assistance Fund does not pay 100 percent of an activity.

Those who indicate that they receive public assistance benefits, free or reduced fee school lunch, are in foster or guardian care or live at a shelter are automatically eligible. Proof that a girl/family is receiving this type of assistance is required when the amount requested is over \$100.

Membership Related Assistance:

Financial Assistance Funds may be requested for:

- GSUSA membership for girls and adults
- Troop/group dues or start-up fee (limits per girl, per membership year are):
Daisy GS - \$30 Brownie GS - \$45 Junior GS - \$60
Cadette/Senior/Ambassador GS - \$80
- Uniform pieces: sash or vest, Daisy tunic, council ID tabs, troops numerals, membership pin and flag
- GSUSA or GSGLA activities
- Girl handbook or journey book (please specify title of book)
- Badges/Interest Projects, Try-Its, Daisy Petals
- Service unit and troop events that directly relate to or support the Girl Scout program
- Outside events promoted by Girl Scouts (approval depends on amount of assistance a girl has received throughout the year).

Application Procedures For Assistance Other Than Membership:

- A troop/group leader **and** parent/guardian or parent only may request funds for a girl.
- Mail the completed application to your local Service Center for processing.
- Submit the request in advance and be sure the individual is a registered Girl Scout.
- A troop financial report from the previous year must be on file at the local Service Center.
- Processing may be delayed if the application is not legible or incomplete.

Please allow up to four weeks for processing. For questions, call your local Service Center.