

GSGLA Lifetime Membership for Gold Award Girl Scouts FAQ

Starting with the Gold Award Class of 2024, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles will proudly provide every graduating Gold Award Girl Scout with a <u>Lifetime Girl Scout Membership</u>! This decision reflects our appreciation for the dedication and excellence these Girl Scouts demonstrate as they embark on their journey in adulthood.

By giving a Lifetime Membership to our Gold Award Girl Scouts we aim to acknowledge their outstanding contributions to their communities and their commitment to the Girl Scout values of courage, confidence, and character.

What is the Girl Scouts Lifetime Membership?

Girl Scout Lifetime Membership is a special membership option for those who have an enduring commitment to the Girl Scout movement. A one-time payment, in lieu of annual payments, is made which allows an individual to remain a Girl Scout member for the rest of their life.

Lifetime Membership allows Gold Award Girl Scouts to continue to be an integral part of the Girl Scout movement, enabling them to stay connected with their peers and the organization. By becoming a lifetime member, Gold Award Girl Scouts join a group of like-minded supporters and contribute to Girl Scouts' mission.

What are the benefits of having Lifetime Membership?

- Lifetime membership card and pin
- Invitation to an annual call for lifetime members hosted by Girl Scouts of the USA's CEO
- Invitations to memorable events
- Monthly Girl Scout Network digital newsletter
- 10% off Girl Scout merchandise purchased online
- Discounts at Joann stores, Trust and Will, and Edith Macy Center

<u>Who's eligible to receive the complimentary Lifetime Membership?</u>

Eligible Girl Scouts must:

- Be at least 18 years old, or a high school graduate.
- Be a currently registered Girl Scout with GSGLA.
- Have completed the requirements to earn the Gold Award, beginning 2024 Gold Award Class.
- Have completed the <u>Girl Scout Gold Award Lifetime Membership eForm</u> following the successful completion of their Gold Award project exit interview.

GSGLA will purchase lifetime memberships annually for eligible Gold Award Girl Scouts the summer following their high school graduation. GSGLA will track awardees annually to keep track of eligible recipients.





What do I need to do to get my Lifetime Membership?

Complete the GSGLA Girl Scout Lifetime Membership eform once you conclude your Gold Award Exit Interview. Your GSGLA Girl Experience Specialist will email you a link to this eform. GSGLA asks that you complete the eform within a week of receiving the link.

What if I am not a high school senior when I earn my Gold Award?

Once you have graduated, GSGLA will purchase the lifetime membership on your behalf. For example, if you are a 2024 GSGLA Gold Awardee but a graduating high school senior in 2025; GSGLA will purchase your lifetime membership in the summer of 2025.

What if I earn my Gold Award after March 1st of my senior year of high school?

The annual deadline for the GSGLA Gold Award Ceremony class is March 1st. Recipients that miss the deadline are slated for the following ceremony class year. A 2024 high school graduate that completes their exit interview in April 2024 would be included in the 2025 Gold Award Class ceremony. Awardees that fall within this scenario would receive their lifetime membership the summer of 2025.

When will the Lifetime Membership be purchased?

GSGLA will purchase lifetime memberships for eligible Gold Award Girl Scouts annually beginning May.

How long does it take to receive verification of my Lifetime Membership?

Once GSGLA has purchased your lifetime membership, it may take up to 3 months to receive verification/acknowledgement from GSUSA.

Do Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award prior to 2024 receive a complimentary Lifetime Membership?

Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints, we are only able to offer this gift of lifetime membership beginning with the 2024 GSGLA Gold Award class.

What if I'm eligible for a Lifetime Membership but someone already purchased it for me?

Eligible Gold Award Girl Scouts that have already purchased or had a lifetime membership purchased for them, may be eligible for a refund. Please email <u>Highestawardsgsgla@girlscoutsla.org</u>.

For general information on Lifetime Membership visit: Become a Lifetime Member | Girl Scouts