

## Destinations Assistance Application

Destinations are the ultimate Girl Scout travel experience. Each Destination is made up of a group of individual Girl Scouts who are passionate about attending the trip and have the prior travel experience to make their participation a success.

### General Criteria:

1. Financial assistance is provided to ensure that all girls, regardless of their financial situation, are able to participate fully in Girl Scouting. When discussing the subject of financial need with an individual, leaders/advisors and staff are urged to always use extreme tact, concern and confidentiality.
2. Financial assistance is not “earned” whether through product sales or in any other manner. It is provided strictly based on need and the availability of funds.
3. If applicant chooses to attend more than one Destination in the same year, financial assistance may only be requested for one of the events.
4. Applications for financial assistance will be reviewed and approved or denied by the Council’s Travel Consultant.
5. Applications should be filled out completely.
6. Applications must be returned to Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Council by **January 14 2024**.

### GSUSA Destinations Assistance Guidelines:

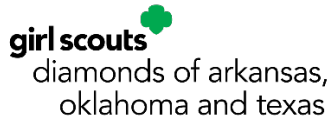
1. GSUSA Destinations are defined as a GSUSA or International Event which a girl is selected to attend.
2. The applicant should be a registered member of the Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Council.
3. GSUSA Destinations financial assistance applications should be submitted by the individual girl or her parent only and include evidence of financial need and two references.
4. GSUSA Destinations financial assistance application should be submitted to [programs@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutsdiamonds.org) by the deadline.
5. It is recommended, but not required, that the applicant should have participated in at least one of the current year’s council product sales before applying for financial assistance.
6. Girls receiving financial assistance will be requested to make a commitment of one year of membership (either as a girl or adult) and share the Destination experience with other girls and adult volunteers in Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Council.
7. Financial assistance will be given to the greatest need (up to the maximum allowed), and then on a first come, first serve basis.
8. Based on the amount of funds available, financial aid will be awarded as follows:

#### Domestic Trip – Up to \$500

- 1<sup>st</sup> time participants – will be awarded up to 50% of event registration fee not to exceed \$500.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time participants – will be awarded up to 30% of event registration fee not to exceed \$500.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> time participants – will be awarded up to 25% of event registration fee not to exceed \$500.
- Financial aid provided after attending three GSUSA Destinations events will be at the discretion of the CEO.

#### International Trip – Up to \$1,000

- 1<sup>st</sup> time participants – will be awarded up to 50% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1,000.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time participants – will be awarded up to 30% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1,000.
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GSUSA Destinations Scholarship Application

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Program Level \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name and Email  
\_\_\_\_\_

How do you participate in Girl Scouts?

- Individual Registered Member
- Troop

Did you participate in Cookie or Fall sales? If no explain why.

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Have you received a scholarship for a destinations trip in the past?

If so, please provide dates and destination name.

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Name and Date for Destination Trip you are applying for

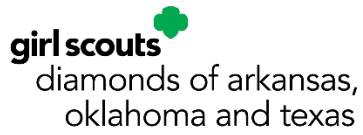
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Total number of household members \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of gross income in household \_\_\_\_\_

*For longer answers, please attach additional sheets if needed.*

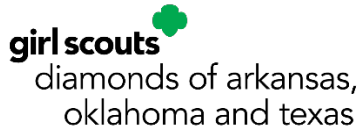
Please share any additional information regarding family expenses, or circumstances related to why you or your girl scout needs assistance.



How will you pay or fundraise for this travel opportunity?

List your Girl Scout accomplishments in recent years (e.g. Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards; significant badges, journeys, or religious scouting awards earned; Girl Scout leadership experiences; participation in product sales, camp experiences, etc.)

Explain why you should be considered for the assistance for the Destinations.



Please attach two reference letters from two people who are not related to you.

Reference 1 Full name and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2 Full name and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement**

I am committed to continuing my Girl Scout membership for at least one year if financial assistance is received.  
This form has been completed accurately to the best of my knowledge.

Girl Scout Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN FORM TO:  
Destinations Financial Assistance  
Email: [programs@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:programs@girlscoutsdiamonds.org)**