

GSUSA Destinations Assistance Application

GSUSA Destinations are opportunities for experiences beyond your circle of family, friends, and Girl Scout troop members for which a girl is selected to attend.

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 Travel Consultant no later January 7, 2019 (Round 1 Applicants) or March 4, 2019 (Round 2 Applicants).

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 by the deadlines above.
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

- 1st time participants – will be awarded up to 50% of event registration fee not to exceed \$500.
- 2nd time participants – will be awarded up to 30% of event registration fee not to exceed \$500.
- 3rd 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

- 1st time participants – will be awarded up to 50% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1,000.
- 2nd time participants – will be awarded up to 30% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1,000.
- 3rd time participants – will be awarded up to 25% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1,000.
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Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

APPLICATION
GSUSA DESTINATIONS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/ZIP _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS _____

Age at time of event: _____ Grade in School at time of event: _____

Troop # _____ Years in Girl Scouting: _____

Leader's name: _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Name and date of Destination for which you are applying: _____

COST: Transportation \$ _____ Amount to be paid by applicant \$ _____
Event \$ _____ ASSISTANCE REQUESTED \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Please indicate how you plan to earn your share of the money. (Please remember that individual fundraising or solicitation of funds is not allowed.) _____

Did you participate in the most recent council fall product sale (nuts, candy, magazines)? Yes _____ No _____
If "no", please state reason why you did not participate: _____

Did you participate in the most recent council cookie sale? Yes _____ No _____
If "no", please state reason why you did not participate: _____

Have you received financial assistance for any other Destinations in the past? (Including assistance from GSDAOT legacy councils or any other Girl Scout council)
Yes _____ No _____ If "yes", please list the date(s), name(s), and amount(s) received.

Table with 3 columns: (Name of Destination), (Date), and (Amt. of assistance received). Includes dollar signs and three rows for listing assistance.

Please list the total annual household income from all sources (including wages, interest income, investments, alimony, child support, social security, public assistance, etc). If you have filed a federal income tax form, list the amount listed on the adjusted gross income line. \$ _____

Please list the total number of family members in household. Include parents/guardians, children, and other dependents in the home. _____

List names and ages of supported family members (including children):

Please indicate any extraordinary financial and/or other circumstances that might impact on the above described family situation: _____

Please list the two references used on your **Destinations** application. They should not be related to you.

1.	_____	_____	_____
	(Name)	(Address)	(Phone #)
2.	_____	_____	_____
	(Name)	(Address)	(Phone #)

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's signature) (Date)

(Parent/guardian signature) (Date)

**RETURN FORM TO:
Destinations Financial Assistance**

**Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas
11311 Arcade Dr. Little Rock, AR 72212**

Email: programs@girlscoutsdiamonds.org

COUNCIL USE ONLY:	
Received: _____	Chosen for destination? _____
# of previous destinations: _____	Total amount approved: \$ _____
Explanation: _____	
By: _____	