



## Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

### GSUSA *destinations* Assistance Application

Round 1 Application due to Girl Scouts Diamonds Program Specialist by January 11, 2017

Round 2 Application due to Girl Scouts Diamonds Program Specialist by March 8, 2017

**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. Assistance applications should be submitted to the council along with the applications for the ***destinations***.

#### 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 than January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Round 1) March 8, 2017 (Round 2)

#### 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 with their *destination* application.
5. It is recommended, but not required, that 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. 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 \$1000

**1<sup>st</sup> time participants** – will be awarded up to 50% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1000.

**2<sup>nd</sup> time participants** – will be awarded up to 30% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1000.

**3<sup>rd</sup> time participants** – will be awarded up to 25% of event registration fee not to exceed \$1000.

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**Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas  
APPLICATION**

**GSUSA DESTINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Round 1 Deadline January 11, 2017

Round 2 Deadline March 8, 2017

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.

_____	_____	\$ _____
(Name of <b>destination</b> )	(Date)	(Amt. of assistance received)
_____	_____	\$ _____
(Name of <b>destination</b> )	(Date)	(Amt. of assistance received)
_____	_____	\$ _____
(Name of <b>destination</b> )	(Date)	(Amt. of assistance received)

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):

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

Please list the two references used on your **destination** 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](mailto:programs@girlscoutsdiamonds.org)**

<b>COUNCIL USE ONLY:</b>	
Received: _____	Chosen for <i>destination</i> ? _____
# of previous <i>destinations</i> : _____	Total amount approved: \$ _____
Explanation: _____	
By: _____	Rev 9/10 MP