



Girl Opportunity Guidelines

Girl Opportunity Funds are available to girls for membership, council-sponsored activities, and Studio 2B destinations. Separate application forms are available for each category.

- **Membership** includes GSUSA registration fee which is sent directly to Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
- **Council-sponsored activities** include council program catalog events, day camps and events sponsored by the service unit. It does not extend to troop trips.
- **Studio 2B destinations** are trips available to girls ages 11-17 sponsored by GSUSA.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council promotes the practice of girl/adult planning, progression of activities and experiences, and long-term planning and budgeting. A successful Girl Scout program allows adequate time for carrying out troop/group money earning projects to support the girls' choice of activities. Troop/groups should set budgets and be responsible for providing their own funds needed to support their programs, activities and trips. For these reasons, Girl Opportunity Funds will not be available for troop/group planned trips.

Guidelines:

- Girls who receive financial assistance from the Girl Opportunity Fund must currently be registered as a member of Girl Scouts of USA.
- Assistance will be granted based on financial need and how the activity meets the program goals of Girl Scouting. Application does not guarantee assistance.
- Family members are expected to provide a portion of the cost. Troops/groups are also encouraged to contribute funds for the event cost if possible.
- Financial requests must be completed on the appropriate form. A separate application must be submitted for each girl applying for assistance. Please allow up to 4 weeks for processing.
- Troops and leaders should evaluate the activity to ensure that adequate long-term budgeting and planning have been carried out. Consideration will be given to the troop's participation in the annual Cookie Sale Program.
- A girl who receives financial assistance should feel a responsibility to Girl Scouting and should plan to continue as an active member of the organization.
- Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council has funds budgeted for adults attending training and events. Adults should complete an Adult Opportunity Form and must be a registered member of the organization to be considered for assistance.

Girl Opportunity forms can be found on our website at www.bdgsc.org (under "forms"), your local field center, or by calling 304.345.722 or 1.800.756.7616.

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