



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-2014-2015 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the Pre-Qualifying Financial Assistance Application?

A: New for 2014-2015 - Pre-Qualifying Financial Assistance allows you to request assistance for the entire Girl Scout year for your Annual Membership Fee; Troop Dues; Council, Troop, and Community sponsored Programs; and Summer Camp. When requesting assistance with your annual membership fee, please attach the Pre-Qualifying Financial Assistance Application to your membership registration form and submit to council for review.

Financial assistance is awarded on an individual basis. Not everyone that applies for financial assistance will qualify and not everyone will qualify for 100 percent.

Q: How will I find out if my Financial Assistance request is approved?

A: You will receive notification either by email or letter of your award amounts. We will also send you the appropriate Release of Financial Assistance Request form for each qualifying item. Each release form must be submitted to council when you are requesting the use of the funds available to you.

Q: How will I receive my Financial Assistance?

A: You will receive a Release of Financial Assistance Request form(s) for each item you qualified for. As funding is needed, submit the appropriate form to council. Release of Financial Assistance Request form for council sponsored programs and summer camp must be submitted with program or camp registration form.

Q: What if I have changes to my family information during 2014-2015?

A: You may resubmit the Pre-Qualifying Financial Assistance Request with your changes for re-evaluation.

Q: Can I be reimbursed for pre-purchased store items?

A: No.

Q: Can I register online for Council programs using Financial Assistance?

A: No. You must fill out a paper registration form and attach your Release of Financial Assistance Request for Program and mail both forms to the Harrisburg office. If you pay for a program in full using the online system, you will not be reimbursed through Financial Assistance.

Q: How can I register online for Summer Camp using Financial Assistance?

A: Online registration for camp requires a non refundable \$50 deposit. This deposit guarantees the session of camp selected. Following your online registration, submit the Release of Financial Assistance Request form for Camp to the Harrisburg office. Once received, your funds will be released and applied to your camp balance.

You may also fill out a paper camp registration form and mail to the Harrisburg office along with the Release of Financial Assistance Request for Camp. Please note that placement in a camp session is not guaranteed without a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Placement is based on availability when financial assistance is applied.

Q: Is the information on the form kept confidential?

A: All Financial Assistance information is kept confidential.

Q: How long will this new process take?

A: Please allow at least four (4) to six (6) weeks for processing. After six (6) weeks, please call the Financial Assistance Administrator.

*Please note-Beginning in 2013-2014 Girl Scout Year only one Journey Book along with a Skill Builder will be awarded. If the Troop finishes the Journey within the Girl Scout year and would like to start a new Journey, A Release of Financial Assistance Request for Store Items must be submitted.



**Pre-Qualifying Financial Assistance Application Request
Membership Year: 2014-2015**

Important: Sections A and B must be completed in order to process the request.

- Incomplete forms will result in a processing delay. Allow up to six (6) weeks for processing.
- Girls Scouts in the Heart of PA has a financial assistance fund to assist families who might otherwise be unable to participate in Girl Scouting. Financial assistance is designed to supplement family resources, not replace them. All applications are confidential and only shared as necessary with appropriate staff members to determine eligibility for assistance.

Mail completed form to: Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania | ATTENTION: Financial Assistance Administrator | 2200 Stafford Avenue | Scranton, PA 18505

I am applying for (check all that apply): **Annual Membership Fee-\$15.00(attach Membership Registration)**
 Troop Dues Store Items Program(Troop/Community/GSHPA/Training) Summer Camp

SECTION A – Girl or Adult Information-One Form per Applicant

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Daytime Phone _____ Email Address _____

SECTION B – Family Information-The below section must be filled out completely****

Applicant or Parent/Guardian Name _____ () _____
Phone _____

Employed by _____ Title/Position _____
() _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Employed by _____ Title/Position _____

Number of dependent children at home: _____

Do your children receive subsidized school meals? Yes No

Is your child(ren) home schooled? Yes _____ No _____

Gross Family Income (from your most recent tax return-Tax Year:): \$ _____

Total number of persons dependent on Household Income _ _____

Check all that apply toward household income:

Unemployment SSI Salaries Disability Other

Why are you requesting Financial Assistance? (**This must be filled out -Please add a separate piece of paper if additional space is needed**)

I hereby attest that the information I have provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.
Signature of Applicant or Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



Girl Membership

Join the global network of 3.2 million Girl Scouts
Membership Year through 9/30/2015

GIRL SCOUT MISSION

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

FUN WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

(check all that interest you)

- Camp:** Connect with nature. Choose a camp by day or overnight.
- Events:** Focus on half or full day events to share your passions.
- Series:** Explore your interests over a few sessions in a way that fits your schedule.
- Travel:** Pack your bags. Travel across town or around the world!
- Troop:** Have fun on a regular basis with your Girl Scout sisters.
- Virtual:** Interact virtually with Girl Scouts everywhere.

YES! I would like to make a donation today that directly benefits girls in our area. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation in the amount of: (check one)

- \$500 \$250 \$150
- \$100 \$50 \$25
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Membership Fee: \$ **15**

Donation: \$ _____

Total Attached: \$ _____

- Cash Check*

**Make checks payable to Girl Scouts*

ALL NEW

ATTENTION PARENTS:

For immediate paperless processing of membership with payment by VISA/Mastercard/Discover, register your daughter by accessing our online registration at www.gshpa.org.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GIRL SCOUTS!

Learn more about Girl Scouts at www.girlscouts.org.

ADMIN USE ONLY:

Council Code: _____

GS Community: _____

Group/Troop: _____

Check one: New Member Renewing Member GSUSA ID (if known) _____

GIRL INFORMATION

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____ Apartment _____

City _____ State / Zip Code _____ Girl Home Phone _____

(_____) _____
Girl Cell Phone (only if 13 and older) Girl E-Mail Address (only if 13 or older) **I wish to opt in*:** Texts E-mails

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Date of birth: (mm/dd/yyyy) ____ / ____ / ____ **# of years as a Girl Scout:** _____ **School grade in Fall 2014:** _____

Name of school: _____

Custodial care:	She is: (check all that apply)	She is Hispanic or Latina:
<input type="checkbox"/> Both Parents	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother/Guardian Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Father/Guardian Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> I choose not to share at this time
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	
	<input type="checkbox"/> White	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> I choose not to share at this time	

Address is same as girl

Parent/Guardian (1) First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

(_____) _____ (_____) _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

(_____) _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____ **I wish to opt in*:** Texts E-mails

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Parent/Guardian (2) First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

(_____) _____ (_____) _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

(_____) _____

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Media Permission

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I wish to opt out at this time.

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

When making the GS Promise, individual members may substitute wording appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word "God."

I/We acknowledge that the registrant will accept and abide by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. The registrant has permission to join Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

*By signing here and checking the circles above, each signee (and on behalf of the Girl, as applicable) agrees to receive auto-dialed informational or marketing text messages at the cell number above, understanding such consent is not required to join.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

PATHWAY OF ENTRY: Camp Event Series Travel Troop Virtual

Fees are non-refundable or transferable to another person. Please return this registration form, along with annual membership fee to:

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania | 350 Hale Avenue | Harrisburg, PA 17104. Questions? Please call 1-800-692-7816.



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MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Annual Membership

Annual fee: \$15

Lifetime Membership

(Including permanent membership card and recognition certificate)

One-time fee of \$375:
Adults 18 years of age or older

One-time fee of \$195:
Girl Scout Ambassadors
graduating from High School
in this membership year in the
month of: _____
(please submit by Sept. 1st of
graduating year)

YES! I would also like to make a donation today that directly benefits girls in our area. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation in the amount of: (check one)

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 Other: \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Annual Membership: \$ _____

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Total Attached: \$ _____

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Check one: New Member Renewing Member Lifetime Member GSUSA ID (if known) _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Title or salutation: Mrs. Ms. Miss Mr. Dr. Other: _____

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____ Apartment _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

(____) _____ (____) _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

(____) _____
Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

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Gender:
 Female
 Male

of years in Girl Scouting:
as a girl: _____
as an adult: _____

Date of birth:
____/____/____
mm dd yyyy

I am: (check all that apply)
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White
 Other (please specify) _____
 I choose not to share at this time

I am Hispanic or Latina:
 Yes
 No
 I choose not to share at this time

PARTICIPATION

I will be participating in Girl Scouting as: (check all that apply)
 Volunteer—I am/will be volunteering for Girl Scouts
 Parent/Family—I am a parent/guardian/family member of a Girl Scout
 Girl Scout Alumnae—I was a Girl Scout, either as a girl, adult or both
 Community Partner
 Staff—I am/will be employed by Girl Scouts
 Other _____

As a volunteer, I would like to participate in the following role(s):
 01—Advisor or Leader for a Group/Troop # _____
 02—Assistant Advisor or Leader for a Group/Troop Advisor/Leader # _____
 03—Support Volunteer for a Group/Troop # _____
 11—Service Team or Unit Volunteer SU _____ SU _____ SU _____
 12—Learning Facilitator
 Other (specify) _____

Representing Group(s)/Troop(s)/Service Unit Numbers:
_____ # _____ # _____
_____ # _____ # _____
SU _____ SU _____ SU _____

ACCEPTANCE

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On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.
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The Girl Scout Law
I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

I accept and abide by the Girl Scout Promise and Law:

Signature _____ Date _____