

GSHCC Gold Award Scholarship

Objective:

The Gold Award Scholarship honors two graduating senior girls who during their time in high school completed Girl Scouts highest honor the Girl Scout Gold Award. Through their projects they will have made a meaningful contribution to their communities through a Take Action project that they develop, propose and implement. The purpose of the scholarship is to honor the dedicated work that each girl did in making a sustainable impact on the community around them. The Gold Award Scholarship recognizes distinguished Gold Award recipients and helps them pursue their higher education!

- **Due:** April 2, 2018
- **Award Amount:** \$2500
- **Notification:** Girls who are selected will be announced at the Girls Who Inspire Ceremony in June.

You can apply for this scholarship if:

1. You're a Gold Award earner (during your time in Girl Scouts as a Senior or Ambassador)
2. You're a registered graduating 12th grade Girl Scout
3. You will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or trade school (educational institution designed to provide education or technical skills required to perform the tasks of a job) for the 2018-19 academic year

Criteria for Consideration

Completed Gold Award

Overall strength of the application

Overall strength of the recommendations

Overall strength of Gold Award final report and project

Application Process

1. Fill out all blanks on the GSHCC Gold Award Scholarship Application found on the website at girlscoutshcc.org/awards.
2. Submit essay question on the application
3. Provide a minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation. One recommendation should be from an adult Girl Scout Member who is not a relative. Other letters may be from school, church or community representatives. Letters must be signed. (Unsigned copies will not be considered.)
4. Provide a copy of Girl Scout Gold Award final report as submitted to your Girl Scout council.
5. Proof of attendance or acceptance to a college, university or trade school in the fall of the year of application.
6. Please include photos and any/all data pertaining to your Gold Award.
7. Send applications to goldaward@girlscoutshcc.org
8. **Special Note:** A deferment of the scholarship is possible. If you are taking a gap year between graduating and college you can apply your senior year for the Gold Award Scholarship. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you can defer the funds for a 12-month period. You will need to show within

that 12 months proof of acceptance and attendance to a college, university or trade school in the fall of the following year.

Council Application Review Schedule:

1. Take Action/Higher Awards Specialist receives the applications **(Early April)**
 - a. Specialist will make the applications anonymous before giving them to the committee to review
2. Using the Gold Award Scholarship Rubric the committee will review and score the applications using the rubric provided **(Mid-End of April)**
3. Committee members meet to discuss the applications and scores. The committee will narrow down the choices to four applicants **(Early May)**
4. Four applicants will be brought in for an interview with the committee **(Mid-End of May)**
 - a. Purpose of interview is to provide the girls with the experience of interviewing, in addition to gaining the opportunity to hear first-hand how she intends to use what she has learned in future community engagement.
5. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Girls Who Inspire Ceremony **(June 3)**