

## Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia 2026 Scholarship Application

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from High School! This year, Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia will recognize several graduating seniors in our Council who exemplify the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and have proven themselves to be leaders in our organization, in academia, and in their community with a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with future academic endeavors.

All applications should be emailed to [highestawards@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:highestawards@comgirlscouts.org) with the subject line “GSCV 2026 Scholarship Application”.

**Completed application packets must be received at GSCV no later than Sunday, March 22nd, 2026, at 11:59pm.** Late, partial or incomplete packages will not be considered. **Selected girls will be notified by Friday, April 3rd, 2026.**

Scholarship recipients will be invited to the *Inspired by a Girl* Highest Award recognition ceremony on Sunday, April 19th, 2026, from 2:00pm-4:00pm in Richmond, VA.

**Please save the date!**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Each applicant must submit proof of the following:

- Have been a registered member of Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia for a minimum of three consecutive years, including the current membership year.
- Be a graduating high school senior with a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Have been accepted to an institute of higher education, including a college or university, business school, trade school or technical school. If acceptance is pending, please note this on the application.

### **Review and Award Process**

A GSCV committee will conduct a blind review of completed applications and essays. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email on Friday, April 3rd, 2026.

## GSCV 2026 Scholarship Application

**Applicant's Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Troop #** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Years in Girl Scouting** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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### STEP 1: Leadership

#### Girl Scout Awards Earned

Check all that apply:

- Girl Scout Bronze Award
- Girl Scout Silver Award
- Girl Scout Gold Award
- Girl Scout Gold Award in Process
- Program Aide
- Counselor in Training
- Counselor in Training II
- Leader in Training
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Girl Scout Positions Held

Check all that apply:

- Camp Staff (Circle: Day and/or Resident)
- Service Unit Aide/Activity Staff (helped at event, ceremony, etc.) Explain.
- Troop Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Girl Delegate (Circle: Service Unit or At-Large Girl Delegate or National Council Delegate)
- Girl Board Member
- Council Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Activities: Please list any other leadership positions or extracurricular activities including school, church, performing arts, sports, etc., that you have participated in over the last 12 months:

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## STEP 2: Essays

***Note Word Count: Minimum 500 words/Maximum 1000 words for each completed essay.  
This is a strict word count.***

***All applicants must respond to essay #1 and essay #2A or 2B.***

### **Essay #1 – Leadership Through Girl Scouts**

As a Girl Scout, you've likely had the chance to take on leadership roles and work on impactful projects. Think about a time when you led or contributed to something big—whether it was a Girl Scout project, community event, or personal goal you pursued with the skills you learned in Girl Scouts.

How did you put your leadership skills into action? Which Girl Scout qualities—Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader—were at the forefront? What challenges did you face, and how did you work through them? Most importantly, how did this experience shape who you are today? Reflect on how Girl Scouts helped you develop the confidence and determination to lead and make a difference.

### **Essay #2 – The Girl Scout Law in Action**

The Girl Scout Law is a guide that helps shape our values and decisions. We want you to share a personal story that shows how you've embraced one of these values, even when it wasn't easy. Think of a time when living one of these lines of the law was truly tested.

#### **Choose either A or B:**

A. "I will do my best to be...responsible for what I say and do." Share a time when you had to take responsibility for something challenging. What did it teach you about accountability, honesty, and the importance of owning your actions?

B. "I will do my best to...use resources wisely." Reflect on a time when you had to make a tough decision to use your resources—whether time, money, or energy—wisely. How did Girl Scouts prepare you for thinking strategically and making decisions that have a lasting impact?

In both essays, aim to connect how your experiences as a Girl Scout directly shaped your decisions and actions. We want to hear how being a part of Girl Scouts has made you the person you are today and how it will influence your future.