

Scholarship and Award Opportunities

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee can best prepare you on your journey for higher education! We prepare girls for their future by focusing on civic leadership, science, technology, engineering, arts, math and healthy living. Being a Gold Award recipient puts you into a higher level of consideration above others for many scholarships. The scholarships listed below are available to you as a Gold Award recipient. This is a small sampling; additional scholarships are available.

Contact the admissions offices and ask if they have scholarships for leadership, service learning or other scholarships requiring volunteerism and leadership.



COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Many colleges and universities recognizing the achievements of Girl Scout Gold Award recipients have established scholarship programs for them.

There are more than 50 schools included in the list. Many of the schools also recognize the merits of the Girl Scout experience and not all scholarships are limited to Gold Award recipients. The Girl Scout office has a directory which lists these schools, if you are interested. You can also access this information on GSUSA's website: http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/scholarships/

For additional information on college scholarships, contact your high school guidance counselor, reach out to the financial aid office of the school(s) you wish to attend and check out these websites:

[The College Board](#)

<https://www.collegeboard.org/> [FastWEB!](#) (financial aid search)

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

[FinAid!](#) (financial aid information page sponsored by NASFAA)

<http://www.finaid.org/> [Scholarships.com](#)

<https://www.scholarships.com/> [School Soup](#)

<http://www.schoolsoup.com/>



Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship: Agenia Clark Gold Award Scholarship for Excellence in Leadership

2016 marks the first year of this scholarship opportunity for registered members of Girl Scouts in Middle Tennessee, who are currently high school seniors and have earned the Gold Award. Girls who meet the criteria are eligible to apply for a one-time award in the amount of \$2,500.00. For details about the award and to apply, go to <https://aim.applyists.net/GSMIDTN>. The application deadline was **March 3, 2016.**

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- ★ You must be a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient whose troop, at the time of the award, was under the jurisdiction of GSMIDTN.
- ★ You must be a high school senior.
- ★ You must attend any accredited post-secondary college or university in the U.S.
- ★ You must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- ★ You must have a minimum ACT score of 21.

Details of the award:

- ★ Number of awards will vary; award amount of \$2,500 will be awarded annually and is not renewable.
- ★ The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load at accredited, nonprofit two- or four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
- ★ Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.

GSUSA National Young Woman of Distinction



The National Young Woman of Distinction (NYWOD) is the highest honor in Girl Scouting. It is given yearly to ten Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from across the United States and USA Girl Scouts Overseas whose final projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact and addressed a local challenge that related to a national and/or global issue.

Councils are asked to select their top three Gold Award recipients using [Go Gold Online](#). Girl Scouts who would like their councils to consider nominating them as a National Young Woman of Distinction are required to use [Go Gold Online](#). GSUSA then ensures a rigorous review process, during which each application is reviewed at least three to five times: first by GSUSA staff, then by an external panel of trusted partners and finally through an intense, in-house staff review of the top candidates. Once the list is narrowed down through this review process, GSUSA's internal NYWOD team selects the top ten.

TENTATIVE ANNUAL TIMELINE:

Online application open to councils	March 15 - April 15
Councils notified of winners	First week of July
Winners notified (verbally)	First week of July
All applicants notified by mail	Mid July
Annual recognition ceremony	Early October

To be eligible to apply for the 2016 NYWOD, a girl must have completed and have her Gold Award approved between April 1, 2015 – March 1, 2016.

Click here to view the 2015 National Young Women of Distinction National Recognition Ceremony: <http://livestream.com/fittotweet/nywod15>

LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Columbia, KY



This scholarship was created by the Lindsey Wilson Board of Trustees as a way to recognize rising female leaders in our region. Esther Egelhoff Martin, the mother of Lindsey Wilson trustee Andrew "Skipper" Martin of Louisville, was the recipient of the Golden Eaglet, the highest honor in Girl Scouting awarded from 1919 to 1939.

<http://www.lindsey.edu/academics/archived-catalogs/2011-12-academic-catalog/financial-assistance/other-scholarships.aspx>

Eligibility:

- ★ Be an entering first-time, full-time freshman at Lindsey Wilson
- ★ Earn the Gold Award by age 18
- ★ Receive a minimum score of 24 on the ACT
- ★ Record a minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Applicants must supply:

- ★ A letter of reference from a Girl Scout official and one other source.
- ★ A written essay explaining how Girl Scouting has made a difference in your life.



Girls Scouts that have earned the Gold Award are eligible as incoming freshman to receive the Scouting Scholarship, an annually renewable award that equals \$2,500 per student. Student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and live on campus. Contact the Lipscomb University Office of Admissions to be considered.

MINERVA SCHOOLS AT KGI

GSUSA just notified councils of a new program and scholarship opportunity through Minerva Schools at KGI. [Minerva](#) is a new, accredited, global, liberal arts university program designed by a former Harvard Dean and a successful entrepreneur to prepare students to lead and innovate in an uncertain future. In addition to Minerva's existing financial aid, GSUSA partnered with Minerva to provide **two 4-year scholarships covering half of the yearly tuition (\$5,000)** to Girl Scouts. Any girl who has completed her Gold Award, participated in a Destination or traveled with her troop can apply for this scholarship.



For more information contact: Lindsey Wilson College, 210 Lindsey Wilson St., Columbia, Kentucky 42728-9974; Phone: (270) 384-2126 or (800) 264-0138; Fax: (270) 384-8200 info@lindsey.edu



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN

UT Martin offer the Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship, an \$800 renewable scholarship eligible to all Girl Scout Gold Award recipients with at least a 3.0 GPA in high school and at least a 21 ACT composite score. Recipient must live in university housing.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Oxford, MS

The University of Mississippi offers a scholarship for Gold Award recipients in the amount of \$6,000. \$750.00 will be given each semester for the course of a four year program. Contact admissions office for additional information.



PRIVATE AND FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

ALCOA CHUCK MCLANE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Girl Scouts who have earned their Gold Award by completing a STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) related projects are eligible for a \$10,000 scholarship. Girls must be a registered Girl Scout, a graduating senior and have plans to pursue a career in STEM. Contact: 212.852.5826 or www.girlscouts.org

THE GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES

The Barron Prize honors 15 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 that have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. The top ten winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. The primary goal of the Prize is to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others. Must be 18 or younger at time of application. Deadline is April 15.



For more information, call (970) 875-1448 or visit www.barronprize.org. You may also email questions to ba_richman@barronprize.org or write to The Barron Prize, PO Box 17, Boulder, CO 80306-0017.



THE GREEN HOME IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

HomeAdvisor is challenging students to break new ground in green home improvement by offering a scholarship every year to one student. High school seniors accepted to a college or trade school or any student currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at any accredited college, university or trade school in the United States are qualified to apply by submitting a 1,000 to 2,000 word essay. Students should e-mail their essays to scholarship@homeadvisor.com



Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

The application will reopen in August 2016 to accept applications from those students graduating from high school in 2017.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be:

- ★ Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States (or select DoD schools);
- ★ U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees;
- ★ Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application;
- ★ Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution;
- ★ Carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school.



Elks Care - Elks Share

ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student contest are available at your local Elks Lodge, online or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Foundation. Applications for the contest have to be submitted to your local Elks Lodge <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>.

- ★ The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants.
- ★ Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need.
- ★ All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- ★ Applications must advance through local, district and state competition to reach the national competition. The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners and notify them in writing. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)
- ★ To locate an Elks Lodge near you, try your phone book or <http://www.elks.org/lodges>.
- ★ Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. American college or university.
- ★ Requests for additional information should be addressed to the scholarship chairman of the local Lodge or of the Elks association of the state in which the applicant is a resident.

Eligibility:

- ★ Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.
- ★ Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks.
- ★ College students are not eligible to apply.
- ★ Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; resident alien status does not qualify.
- ★ Male and female students compete separately.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK AWARDS

The International Leadership Network (ILN) is a national non-profit organization with the mission to develop and implement programs that empower young people to succeed. ILN programs focus on achievement recognition, mentoring, leadership education and community service. For more information, contact International Leadership Network



<http://www.ilnleadnet.com/> or P.O. Box 190216, St. Louis, MO 63119-6216; Phone: (314) 961-5978; E-mail: ILNleadnet@aol.com

NATIONAL EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting will award a national scholarship and a first runner-up to the Gold Award recipient who best meets the qualifications.

<http://www.eocs.org/#!scholarship/c15of>

The recipient of the EOSC Scholarship Program receives a \$1,000 scholarship and the second place winner will receive \$500 upon acceptance to a four-year accredited college or university.

Eligibility:

- ★ Be a registered, active member of Girl Scouts
- ★ Be a Gold Award recipient
- ★ Be an active member of an Eastern Orthodox Church
- ★ Have received the Alpha Omega Religious Award
- ★ Demonstrate practical citizenship in her church, school, Girl Scouts and community
- ★ Be enrolled in an accredited high school as a senior
- ★ Submit four letters of recommendation with the application

Applications can be obtained from the website listed above or E.O.C.S. Chairman, George N. Boulukos, 862 Guy Lombardo Avenue, **Freeport**, New York 11520 and must be submitted by May 1st of each year. The national winners will be announced in June of each year.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HEALTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Program is the only national scholarship program targeted at Hispanic students who are committed to careers in health care and enrolled full-time in dental, medical, nursing, public health and policy schools



PEACE FIRST PRIZE



The top ten winners receive a \$25,000, two year fellowship which can be used to:

1. Contribute to the winner's education and professional development and/or
2. Support the winner's ongoing peacemaking work.

Winners also participate in a 2-year fellowship group of peacemaking leaders; leadership development program; mentoring and opportunities to actively engage in Peace First's mission and work through participation in national and local peace initiatives. **Contact:** 617.261.3833, prize@peacefirst.org



PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

Honorees from each state receive \$1,000, engraved silver medallion, all expense paid trip with parent/guardian to Washington, DC for national recognition event.

Requirements:

- ★ Girl Scout in middle or high school
- ★ Conducted a volunteer service activity
- ★ Application certified by local Girl Scout Council

<http://spirit.prudential.com/media/managed/SOC-How-To-Apply.pdf>

CORINNE JEANNINE SCHILLINGS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Corinne Jeannine Schillings Foundation is dedicated to preserving the memory of Corinne Schillings, a 26 year-old woman who lost her life in the Baltimore Water Taxi accident on March 6, 2004.

Scholarship: The foundation will award scholarships to deserving young women who have earned the Girl Scout Gold or Silver Award and who plan to or are currently pursuing a college major or minor in foreign language. This scholarship is renewable.
http://www.cjsfoundation.org/html/academic_study.html



Grant: The foundation will provide airfare for a Silver or Gold Award Girl Scout who plans to study abroad, regardless of her major/minor. It is not necessary to be a scholarship recipient to apply for this one-time grant; nor are scholarship recipients excluded from applying. This grant is not renewable.
http://www.cjsfoundation.org/html/travel_study.html

VFW

VFW AND VFW LADIES AUXILIARY CONTESTS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary sponsor several contests that might be of interest to older Girl Scouts:

<https://www.vfw.org/Scout/> and <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/programs-page/scholarships/>

- Scouts who are registered, active members of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Scouts must be 15 years of age and have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, scouting and the community.
- Scouts must be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.



Note: All applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

HOW TO ENTER:

Scouts should submit the completed VFW Scouting Scholarship form, resume of high school activities, scouting record, community service record and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post no later than March 1.

Note: A Scout can enter through ONE VFW Post only.

If you are interested in entering these contests, please contact your local VFW Post or VFW Women's Auxiliary Group.. In 2012, the Second Place recipient of the Scout of the Year Scholarship was a Girl Scout. In 2009, the national winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contest were both girls. The Middletown Post winner for the Patriot's Pen in 2009 was a Girl Scout.

OTHER AWARDS

CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS FOR YOUNG AMERICANS



If you are interested in the Congressional Awards for Young Americans, please contact them **before** you start your project!

Created by an act of Congress, the Congressional Award is presented on a non-competitive basis to young Americans between the ages of 14 and 23 in recognition of initiative, achievement and service. Working with an adult advisor, participants self-select and achieve individually challenging goals in four areas: volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness and expeditions.

Adult volunteers play an important role in the Congressional Awards program. As advisors, adults work with participants, on an individual basis, to help them set goals that are achievable, measurable and worthwhile. Adults also serve as validators for participant's activities in the four program areas. Therefore it is not unusual for participants to work with several different adults while working towards a Congressional Award.

Upon achieving their goals, participants receive a Congressional Award medal – bronze, silver, or gold – from their senators and representatives in Congress. Bronze and silver Congressional Awards are presented annually in Washington D.C., with the participation of the leadership of Congress.

The girl/adult partnership involved in the Congressional Award program provides a natural linkage with the Girl Scout program. Girls who are working toward their Silver or Gold Awards can also use their achievements towards participation in the Congressional Awards program. Many Girl Scouts are already involved: In Missouri, for example, nearly 100 are registered to participate.

Girl Scouts who are interested in more information should write to the Congressional Award Foundation, P.O. Box 77440, Washington D.C. 20013 or telephone (202) 226-0130. <http://www.congressionalaward.org/>

FEDERAL RECOGNITION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Fish and Wildlife Services, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior, has a program to recognize Girl Scouts whose Girl Scout Bronze, Silver or Gold Award projects address environmental issues. Projects involving conservation of nature and natural resources are appropriate, as well as more broad-based concerns like nature education and recycling.

Youth represent one of our most valuable resources. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) value a close partnership with Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) and the Girl Scout Councils around the Country. Opportunities exist for Girl Scouts of the USA to partner with USFWS facilities. Contact www.fws.gov or <http://www.girlscouts.org> to locate a local office or communicate via scouting@fws.gov by email to discuss details.

Girl Scout Certificates will be presented to honor Girl Scouts who completed all the work required along their journey to achieve these awards. Only adult advisors or council staff are to complete these certificates for presentation ceremonies recognizing the accomplishments of these individuals. For information on these certificates for Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards, contact Volunteer Resource Manager Terri Tock for those girls earning the highest award in Girl Scouting.



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD (PVSA)

Presidential recognition sets you apart from your peers. It is a tremendous honor. Even though you may not seek recognition, your example can deliver a powerful message that encourages others to take action.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted, permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.

Criteria: Individuals, families and groups that meet the criteria are eligible for the PVSA.

- ★ Recipient(s) must be a United States citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- ★ Awards are issued for service hours served within a 12-month time period or over the course of a lifetime.
- ★ Awards are issued for volunteer service only; additional levels of participation with the organization (i.e., charitable support) are not a factor considered for the award.
- ★ Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.
- ★ Awards are issued by approved Certifying Organizations.
- ★ Service must be with an approved Certifying Organization that is legally established in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or one of the U.S. territories.

Eligibility: Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold and the highest honor, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime.

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (5-10)	26 – 49	50 – 74	75 +
Teens (11–15)	50 – 74	75 – 99	100 +
Young Adults (16-25)	100 – 174	175 – 249	250 +
Adults (26 and older)	100 – 249	250 – 499	500+
Families and Groups*	200 – 499	500 – 999	1,000+
President's Lifetime Achievement Award: Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours in their lifetime			
<i>* Two or more people, with each member contributing at least 25 hours toward the total</i>			