



# 2023–2024 Financial Assistance Member Guide

# Eligibility Guidelines



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- Applicant qualifies for free or reduced-price school lunch
- Applicant is a foster child

## Extenuating Circumstances

We recognize that extenuating circumstances exist. Our philanthropy team is working hard to increase the amount of financial assistance available to our members. We also offer additional assistance to the extent possible for the following extenuating circumstances:

- Homelessness
- Recent change in family structure
- Recent job loss
- Significant illness
- Natural disaster (flood, fire, earthquake, etc.)

If your family falls into any of these categories and doesn't meet our eligibility guidelines, please submit a written description of your situation to [financialassistance@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:financialassistance@girlscoutsww.org) or mail to Girl Scouts of Western Washington Financial Assistance, 5601 6th Ave S Suite 150, Seattle, WA 98108. Extenuating circumstance requests can take up to 7 days for review and response.

# How to Apply



1. Visit our website's [financial assistance page](#).
2. Complete online eligibility application (paper forms are also available for download with mailing instructions).
3. If eligible, you will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours. Paper applications can take up to three weeks for processing.



## **Get pre-qualified!**

Once you qualify for our financial assistance (FA) program, you are qualified for the entire membership year. You can request grants at the same time as you submit your eligibility information, or you can get pre-qualified and wait to submit grant requests later in the year.



**Troop leaders, staff, or other volunteers** can submit an online FA application for youth and/or adults if the applicant provides written or verbal authorization.



Applicants may include a **volunteer or other adult's name** and email address as a secondary contact on the online FA application. This secondary contact will be notified for both grant confirmations and follow-up needs.

# Grant Structure



Once your eligibility is approved, you can submit specific grant requests.

## **Youth Grants**

- Membership: new registration, renewal, or both!
- Plus three grants: supply grant, troop dues, and events (any combination!).
- Plus one camp grant.

## **Adult Grants:**

- Membership: new registration, renewal, or both!
- Three event grants: [see eligible events](#) online.

*You may submit all your grant requests at once, or you may submit them one at a time during the membership year. Youth members can mix and match types of grant!*

# Membership Grant Request



Qualified applicants are offered **membership grants** to cover the cost of Girl Scout membership and renewal fees.

**Step 1:** Get pre-qualified for the FA Program

**Step 2:** Submit your membership form online or using a paper form.  
Select “Financial Aid” as your payment type.

Girl Membership (Valid 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2018) for Test-Girl Household - Edit

Request Financial Aid \$25.00

**TOTAL** \$25.00

ADD ANOTHER MEMBERSHIP CHECKOUT

You will be notified when your membership grant is processed.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Membership Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extended Year Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Attached: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Cash  Check\*

Amex  Discover

Visa  MasterCard

Financial Aid

# Troop Dues Request (\$40)



Troop dues grant recipients must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- Youth member
- Qualified for financial assistance
- Have not yet used all three grant requests
- Are listed on a troop roster in our database

You can request this grant when submitting your financial assistance eligibility information, or you can request it later in the year after getting pre-qualified.

Once the grant has been processed, our council will make a direct deposit to the troop's bank account and send an email confirmation to the troop leader.

# Event Requests



Event grants are available to youth and adult members who qualify for financial assistance and have not yet used all three grant requests. Request event grants AFTER getting pre-qualified.

**Council Events:** [View council events](#) on our website. Select “Financial Aid” as the payment type when registering. Grant funds will be applied to the balance due.

**Third Party Events:** [Third party events](#) (i.e. Pacific Science Center, Engage Thru Tech) are also listed on our website. Buy tickets through the third party’s registration system, then submit an event grant request with a copy of your receipt to receive reimbursement. Grant funds are reimbursed to the service unit, troop or individual.

- You may request that payment be made directly to the vendor by submitting your event grant request with a copy of the vendor invoice.

**Volunteer-Led Event/Camp Grant:** You may also use one of your three allotted grant requests as an event toward a volunteer-led community or day camp.

**Service Unit (SU) Events:** Select financial assistance (FA) as payment type when registering. The SU registrar will submit grant requests on behalf of members who select FA. The SU Registrar and grant recipient will be notified once the grant is approved. Grant funds are sent to the Service Unit.

# Camp Requests



Available to youth and adult members who:

- Have an active Girl Scout membership
- Are pre-qualified for financial assistance
- Register for their camp program before the registration deadline

This grant may be applied to ONE camp session per membership year. Any required deposit is not included in the grant amount. Grant funds will be directly applied to the camper's outstanding balance.

Register for camp and select financial assistance as your payment type. The camp registrar will submit the request on your behalf. You will be notified once your grant is approved.

## **Eligible camps include:**

Girl Scouts of Western Washington staff-led day and overnight camps as well as volunteer-led day, twilight, and overnight camps. Stay tuned for details on specific camp programs in the 2024 membership year!



# Youth Supply Grant Request



## **Youth Supply Grant Request**

- Available to youth members who qualify for FA and have not yet used all three grant requests.
- You can request this grant at time of FA qualification or later in the year after getting pre-qualified.
- Once you receive your approval email from the financial assistance department, you'll be ready to redeem your funds. Present proof of your eligibility in person at any of our retail stores or by phone or email.

# Important Dates and Deadlines



## Timeline

- **October 1:** Financial assistance applications open.
- **October 1–August 30:** Supply Grant, Troop Dues, Event, and Camp Grants are open for request.
- **Year-round:** Membership Dues Grants are open for request.

## Event Grants

Events have financial assistance deadlines to ensure adequate processing time. Please be sure to review the deadlines and details of your event in advance.



## Questions & Resources

Please call or email our customer care team:  
1(800) 541-9850 or [customercare@girlscoutswv.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutswv.org)  
(Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–4:50 PM)

Visit our website's [Financial Assistance page](#)