



2021-2022 Guide to Financial Assistance



Covid-19 Financial Impacts



Girl Scouts of Western Washington welcomes every girl and volunteer, regardless of their income. We make funds available to cover membership, events and workshops, troop dues, supplies, and camp.

Virtual and Modified In-Person COVID-19 Guidelines

GSWW continues to monitor the ongoing conditions and regulations of the COVID-19 pandemic. We've recently updated our guidelines to mirror CDC and Washington State regulations. All GSWW in-person program participants and partners are required to follow this guidance.

Due to COVID-19 financial impacts:

Financial assistance has moved to a "First-come, First-serve" disbursement plan.

Each grant award has been allocated a funding cap; once the cap is reached the grant will be "turned off" and further grant requests will be denied.

Funds will receive a monthly health check throughout the year with brief quarterly member updates via our email newsletter. When appropriate, a pre-closure announcement will be included.



Eligibility Guidelines

- 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 that is available to fund girls with increased needs. 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@Girlscoutswa.org or Girl Scouts of Western Washington Financial Assistance, PO Box 770, DuPont WA 98327. Extenuating circumstance requests can take 7 days for review and eligibility 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 confirmation email within 24 hours. Paper applications can take up to 3 weeks for processing.



TIP Get pre-qualified!

Once applicants are eligible for our FA program they are qualified for the entire membership year. They can request grants at the same time as they submit their application or they can become FA eligible and wait to submit grant requests later in the year.



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



TIP Applicants may include a **volunteer or other adult's name** and email address as a secondary contact on the online FA Application. The Financial Assistance Team will notify this secondary contact for both grant confirmations and follow-up needs.

Grant Structure



Once eligibility is approved, you can submit specific grant requests. Below is our 2021-2022 girl and adult grant options:

Girl Grants:

- Membership – new registration (10/1/21-9/30/22), renewal (10/1/22-9/30/23) or both!
- Plus 3 grants – supply voucher, troop dues, event (any combination!)
- Plus 1 camp grant

Adult Grants:

- Membership – new registration (10/1/21-9/30/22), renewal (10/1/22-9/30/23) or both!
- 3 Event Grants: see eligible activities on GSWW's Calendar of Events.

You may submit all your grant requests at once, or you may submit them one at a time during the membership year. Girls can mix and match grants!

Membership Grant Request



Qualified applicants are offered **Membership Dues Grants** to cover the cost of Girl Scout membership and membership renewal dues.

Step 1 Get pre-qualified for the FA Program

Step 2 Submit Membership Form Via online or

using a paper form and select FA 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

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Membership Fee: \$ _____

Extended Year Fee: \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

Total Attached: \$ _____

Cash Check*

Amex Discover

Visa MasterCard

Financial Aid

Member will be notified when their grant is processed.

Troop Dues Request



- This \$40 Grant is available to girl members who qualify for FA and haven't used all 3 grant requests yet. A girl must be listed on a troop roster in our database to receive a troop dues grant.
- A family can request a grant at the time of qualification or can request a grant later in the year after becoming FA eligible.

Events Requests



- Events Grants are available to girl and adult members who qualify for Financial Assistance and haven't used all 3 grant requests.
- A family can request an Event Grant AFTER becoming eligible for Financial Assistance.
- **Events** are posted on the GSWW calendar. Select FA as the payment type when registering and grant funds are applied to the balance due.
- **3rd party Events** (i.e. Pacific Science Center, Engage Thru Tech) are posted on the GSWW calendar. Buy tickets through the 3rd Party's registration system, then submit an Event Grant request & a copy of the receipt to receive reimbursement. Grant funds are reimbursed to the SU, troop or individual. If a SU, troop or individual is requesting that payment be made directly to the vendor, submit an Event Grant request & a copy of the vendor invoice.
- **Service Unit Events** Select FA as payment type when registering. The SU Registrar submits request on behalf of the member that selected FA. The SU Registrar and the families are notified once the grant is approved. Grant funds are sent to the Service Unit.



Need help with the new events registration process? Check out this [step-by-step guide on how to sign up for events](#) or email us at customercare@girlscoutsww.org for support. We're here to help!

Camp Requests



This grant is available to girls and adults who have active Girl Scout Memberships. This grant can be applied toward ONE camp session per year. Eligible camps include Girl Scouts of Western Washington Day and Overnight Camps as well as Volunteer Led Day, Twilight and Overnight Camps. Applicants must first qualify for the FA program by submitting this FA Application and also be registered for camp prior to the close of the camp registration deadline. Deposit, if required, is not included in grant amount. Grant funds will be directly applied to the camper's outstanding balance. Applicant will be notified once the grant is approved.

Camp and Outdoor programs are a great way for Girl Scouts to explore nature and build character. You can find your adventure at Camp River Ranch or Camp Lyle McLeod, at a volunteer-led day camp, or at your own home!

Stay Tuned for more details about ways to camp during the 2022 Membership Year!

Girl, Adult & Troop Supply Voucher Request



This \$30 Supply Voucher grant is Available to girl members who qualify for FA and haven't used all 3 grant requests yet.

Family can request grant at time of qualification or can request grant later in the year after becoming FA eligible Vouchers can be mailed to family or Troop Leader

If lost, the family can call Customer Care and request the misplaced voucher be voided and a new one sent to the address on file.

Families can check the balance by using the website/phone number on back of card

Important Dates and Deadlines



- Members can start submitting 2021-20212 Financial Assistance applications Beginning October 1, 2021
- We accept Membership Dues Grant requests year round
- Supply Voucher, Troop Dues, Event and Camp grants are open 10/1/2021-8/30/2022
- Event grants have Financial Assistance deadlines to ensure adequate processing time. Please be sure to review event request details for qualifying deadlines.



Any Questions?

Questions & Resources

- Please call or email our Customer Care Team: 1- 800-541-9852 or customer care@girlscoutsw.org (Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm)
- Visit our website's [Financial Assistance Page](#)

