



# The Award of Excellence Scholarship



Each spring Girl Scouts of Western Washington presents the Award of Excellence scholarship to distinguished leaders in order to support them in their pursuit of higher education. The Award is given to top applicants who have demonstrated personal excellence in academic, community and Girl Scout life. This scholarship is being funded by a grant from Ericsson.

***Up to three Award of Excellence recipients will be selected and awarded a one-time scholarship of up to \$1,000.***

To be eligible, you must be:

- A Gold Award Girl Scout\*
- Registered Girl Scout in the Girl Scouts of Western Washington council
- Younger than 22 years old
- Enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university for the 2021-2022 academic year\*\*

\* Members currently in the process of earning the Gold Award may apply for this scholarship **if your Gold Award Proposal has been reviewed and approved before April 29, 2021**. If selected for the award, receipt of the scholarship is contingent upon successful completion of your project and having your **Gold Award Final Report Form approved by August 30, 2021**.

\*\* High school students and current college students are both eligible to apply. If selected for the award, receipt of the scholarship is contingent upon enrollment for the 2021-22 academic year.

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete the following application form electronically. Handwritten forms will not be accepted. If you have trouble using the form, please contact us so we can help.

- Once your application form is complete, send **one** email to [goldawards@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:goldawards@girlscoutsww.org) with the subject line *Award of Excellence Scholarship*.
- Be sure to **attach a resume and transcript to this email** (see final page of document for details).
- Additionally, to be considered for this scholarship, two letters of recommendation must be sent in separate emails by your recommenders (see page 4 for details).

All parts of this application must be electronically received on or before **April 30, 2021**. Late submissions will not be considered.

## **BASIC INFORMATION**

First Name:

Last Name:

Preferred First Name (i.e. "Katie" instead of "Katherine"):

Which gender pronouns would you like us to use when speaking with or about you? (i.e. she/her, they/them, or he/him etc.):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Primary E-mail \*:

Secondary E-mail:

*\* Please ensure the address you provide in your application is current and is checked often (at least 3 times per week)*

Primary Phone:

Current Age:

Are you currently enrolled in:  high school or  college

*\* If you are a running start student and have not yet received your high school diploma, please select high school in the above question.*

Current Grade:

Expected Graduation Date:

Current High School or College Name:

High School or College City:

*Individuals must be currently registered members of Girl Scouts of Western Washington in order to apply for the Award of Excellence.*

## **SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

- 1. If you have not completed your Gold Award, but are working on the final steps of your approved project, what date do you expect to submit your final report?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Describe your Gold Award Take Action project. Include at least one of your project's major successes and at least one challenge you faced.**

**3. What did you gain or learn while earning the Gold Award?**

**4. In what ways has being a Girl Scout impacted or changed your life?**

**5. What are your post-high school academic and/or career goals?**

**6. Briefly describe a specific time in your life when you displayed courage, confidence, or character (perhaps while stepping outside your comfort zone or facing a challenge):**

**7. What passions and personal goals do you hope to explore in the next chapters of your life? What are you committed to achieving?**

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION EMAIL:**

- Personal and Academic Resume**  
*Please attach a resume to your application email. Your resume must be typed and can be submitted as a .doc, .docx or PDF format. On your resume be sure to list the following and estimate the time you spend on **each per week**:*
- Employment experience (please provide company, position and employment dates)
  - Volunteer and/or community service
  - Extracurricular activities (sports, youth groups, etc.)
- High School Transcript** (required from all applicants)  
*Please attach an electronic version of your most up-to-date transcript (or a GED certificate) to your application email as a PDF or similar format. This does **not** need to have an embossed seal on it.*
- College Transcript** (required if you are currently enrolled in college)  
*Please attach an electronic version of your most up-to-date transcript (or a GED certificate) to your application email as a PDF or similar format. This does **not** need to have an embossed seal on it.*

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN SEPARATE EMAILS DIRECT FROM THE RECOMMENDERS:**

- Letter of Recommendation from an Adult Girl Scout Member**  
*Request a scholarship recommendation letter from an **adult within the Girl Scout organization** who is familiar with your Gold Award and Girl Scout activities (who is not one of your family members). This letter should be emailed directly from the recommender to [goldawards@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:goldawards@girlscoutsww.org) on or before **April 30, 2021**.*
- Letter of Recommendation from an Adult Outside of Girl Scouts**  
*Request a scholarship recommendation letter from an **adult outside of the Girl Scout organization** who is familiar with your academic, extracurricular and/or personal achievements (who is not one of your family members). This letter should be emailed directly from the recommender to [goldawards@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:goldawards@girlscoutsww.org) on or before **April 30, 2021**.*

**It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all documents and recommendations are received in a timely manner.**

**GIRL SCOUTS HONOR**

By typing my name below I certify that all information in this application and attached documents is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Girl Scouts of Western Washington reserves the right to contact me, my school or any adults submitting letters of recommendation should questions arise.

Electronic Signature:

Date:

**Return completed applications, no later than **April 30, 2021**, via email to: [goldawards@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:goldawards@girlscoutsww.org) with the subject line: **Award of Excellence Scholarship****