



# **GOLD AWARD COMMENDATION LETTERS AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment—congratulations! Make sure that hard work gets recognized and celebrated. This document includes information about how to request special commendation letters for Gold Award Girl Scouts as well as information about some of the many college scholarships offered to Gold Award Girl Scouts. As you look over this resource, here are a few things to keep in mind about the lists:

- Contact information may change or become outdated—we try to keep it as accurate as possible, but it's always a good idea for you to double check if you're not sure.
- May be incomplete—feel free to search for other prominent individuals and/or colleges that interest you.

Being listed here does not guarantee the person will send a response.

## **When sending notes to people asking for letters of commendation, please include:**

- Gold Award Girl Scouts's full name
- Gold Award Girl Scout's troop number, service unit number and council
- A short description of the Gold Award Take Action Project
- Date for an awards ceremony (if scheduled)
- It is also courteous to include a self-addressed stamped envelope when writing to private individuals or organizations. This is usually not necessary when writing to government officials.

Remember that the purpose of a congratulatory letter is to honor the Gold Award Girl Scout and that each person you write may be getting many, many requests. This is not a race or a contest to see who can get the most letters. Often a few letters are more meaningful than a scrapbook full of letters that ends up on a shelf. Sometimes the best thing is a letter or two from an admired prominent person in a field of interest to the Gold Award Girl Scout.

Please pick and choose so that people who are willing to write a letter do not get overwhelmed and decide to stop accepting requests.

## College and University Scholarship Opportunities

Many institutions offer scholarships. Be sure to ask any colleges you are exploring if they offer any funding for Gold Award Girl Scouts. Also check out the [GSUSA's scholarship search feature](#) for some listed opportunities.

## Purchasing an American Flag to Commemorate Your Gold Award Take Action Project

You can purchase a US flag that has flown over the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., by ordering it from your [US Representative or Senator](#).

**Certificate of authenticity:** You may request that your flag be flown on a certain date such as a birthday. A certificate showing it was flown over the Capitol accompanies each flag. If you mention in your letter or on your request form that this flag is for any specific occasion, that information will be included on the certificate. If you are requesting a specific date, please make your request at least 4 weeks prior to that date.

**Fabric and size of flags:** All flags are made in the United States. The cotton flags come in two sizes: 3'x5' or 5'x8'. The nylon flags come in the same size as the cotton and one additional size: 4'x6'.

**Pricing:** The specific prices vary from office to office. The prices include only the costs of the flag itself, the certificate, and shipping and handling.

**Order information:** Check the websites of your Representatives and Senators.

Sen. Patty Murray - <http://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/orderinganamericanflag>

Sen. Maria Cantwell - <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/services/flag-requests>

*This document was updated in February 2019, please excuse any inadvertent errors or out of date information. Thank you for kindly letting us know about updated information or other prominent women to include at [customercare@girlscoutswv.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutswv.org).*

***In the tables below, high ranking women are in green.***

## WA State Governor & Local Government

Governor Jay Inslee  
 PO Box 40002  
 Olympia, WA 98504-0002  
 Request a letter: [Click Here](#)

Your local mayor or county/city council.  
 Local prominent community or business leaders.  
 Faith Leaders.

## U.S. Congress, representing Western Washington

### U.S. Senate

**Senator Patty Murray**  
 154 Russell Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510  
 Phone: (202) 224-2621

**Senator Maria Cantwell**  
 511 Hart Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510  
 Phone: (202) 224-3441

### U.S. House of Representatives

**Congresswoman Suzan DelBene**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
 2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 Phone: (202) 225-6311

**Congressman Rick Larsen**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
 2113 Rayburn House Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20515  
 Phone: (202) 225-2605

**Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler**  
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 2352 Rayburn HOB  
 Washington, DC 20515  
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**Congressman Derek Kilmer**  
 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
 1410 Longworth House Office Bldg.  
 Washington, DC 20515  
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**Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal**  
 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
 1510 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington. DC 20515  
 Phone: 202-225-3106

**Congresswoman Kim Schrier**  
 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
 1123 Longworth HOB  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 Phone: (202) 225-7761

<b>Congressman Adam Smith</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District 2264 Rayburn Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-8901	<b>Congressman Denny Heck</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District 2452 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Phone: 202-225-9740
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<b>Individuals/Organizations of Interest</b>	
Mr. Bill and <b>Mrs. Melinda Gates</b> Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation PO Box 23350 Seattle, WA 98102	National Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars 406 West 34th Street Kansas City, MO 64111
National Commander American Legion PO Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN 46206	Daughters of the American Revolution 1776 D Street, NW Washington, DC 20006
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Scouting and Youth Coordinator Piper Holton PO Box 552 Hotchkiss, CO 81419-0552 Email: <a href="mailto:piperpspcea@aol.com">piperpspcea@aol.com</a>	N.O.W. – National Organization for Women <a href="http://now.org/about/contact-us/">now.org/about/contact-us/</a>
United States Representative to the United Nations United States Mission to the United Nations 799 United Nations Plaza New York, N.Y. 10017	

<b>Department of Defense Officials</b>	
<b>Hon. Heather Wilson</b> Secretary of the Air Force	Gen. David L. Goldfein Air Force Chief of Staff
Click here for an on-line application for letters from the Air Force Secretary and Chief of Staff <a href="https://scouts.airforce.com/">https://scouts.airforce.com/</a> (Mail applications will not be honored)	
Hon. Richard V Spencer Secretary of the Navy 1000 Navy Pentagon Washington, DC 20350-1000	Adm. John M. Richardson Chief of Naval Operations 2000 Navy Pentagon Washington, DC 20350-20000
The Blue Angels United States Navy Congratulatory Letter Request: <a href="https://www.blueangels.navy.mil/scouts/">https://www.blueangels.navy.mil/scouts/</a>	United States Marine Corps Call 1-800-627-4637 and ask to be connected to your local recruiting station to request a “Congratulatory Letter”

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff 9999 Joint Staff Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20318-9999	Gen. Paul J. Selva Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff 9999 Joint Staff Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20318-9999
Gen. Robert B. Neller Online applications: <a href="http://www.mcrc.marines.mil/SiteMap/sandbox.aspx">http://www.mcrc.marines.mil/SiteMap/sandbox.aspx</a> United States Marine Corps Call 1-800-627-4637 and ask to be connected to your local recruiting station to request a “Congratulatory Letter”	General Joseph L. Lengyel Chief of the National Guard Bureau 1636 Defense Pentagon Ste 1E169 Washington, DC 20301-0001
Adm. Karl L. Schultz Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE Washington, DC 20593	Office of the Superintendent United States Military Academy West Point, NY 10996 Request a Recognition Certificate: <a href="https://candidate.usma.edu/quest/scouts/">https://candidate.usma.edu/quest/scouts/</a>
Superintendent US Coast Guard Academy 15 Mohegan Avenue New London, CT 06320-8100	
US Air Force Academy <a href="#">Register to request a Gold Award Certificate</a>	

### Congress, continued

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<p><b>Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg</b>                  Supreme Court of the United States                  1 First Street, NE                  Washington, DC 20543</p>	<p>For other Supreme Court Justices, visit the Supreme Court's website:  <a href="https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/biographies.aspx">https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/biographies.aspx</a></p>
<p>National Aeronautics and Space Administration                  NASA  <a href="#">Download a customizable certificate</a></p>	<p>Mr. Christopher Wray, Director                  Federal Bureau of Investigation                  935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW                  Washington, DC 20535                  202-324-3000</p>

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