

Financial Assistance Guidelines & Procedures

Financial assistance is available to all girls and adults living within the council jurisdiction and is provided to help them participate in the Girl Scout program.

Financial assistance may be granted as follows:

- For adults – national membership dues, council programs, and council-scheduled trainings
- For girls – national membership dues, council programs, handbooks, uniform components, national Girl Scout destinations and summer camp

Financial Assistance Applications

For girl applicants, the leader and parent should discuss the individual needs of the girl, complete the application and return it to the local service center.

Each applicant for financial assistance must complete a separate application. Troop applications will not be accepted.

Application forms are available online at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org, as well as through the service team managers, troop leaders, Girl Scout service centers, the *Volunteer 411*, *Camp Guide*, and the Leader's Notebook/Volunteer CD. It is suggested that copies of the form be made as needed.

Submitting a Financial Assistance Application

Applications for financial assistance should be submitted in envelopes marked "Confidential – Assistance Request." All application information will be kept confidential by those reviewing the requests.

Financial assistance applications should be received by the program, training, Girl Scout *destination* or summer camp registration deadline to ensure adequate time for processing.

If the application is not filled out completely and accurately, the financial assistance request will be denied.

Granting of Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is granted according to financial need and will be consistent with money available in the financial assistance budget. Partial assistance may be granted.

Applicants will be notified when financial assistance for books, uniforms, program fees, camp fees, and adult trainings is granted, and when financial assistance for membership dues is either partially granted or denied.

Preference is given for first-time financial assistance applicants.