



## THE BEA OKWU GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Bea Okwu Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship is an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 which is awarded each year to one Gold Award recipient from Girl Scouts of Connecticut or the resulting Council following any and all subsequent mergers. The recipient will be selected on the basis of outstanding achievement in the completion of her Gold Award requirements. This award will recognize the individual who best exemplified what Girl Scouting means in today's world.

Girls who will earn the Gold Award by May 1 of their senior year in high school are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. In addition, girls who earn the Gold Award after May 1st of their senior year in high school but before October 1<sup>st</sup> of that year are eligible to apply for this scholarship the following year.

**Completed application form need to be returned to Attn: Program Dept. - Scholarship, Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc., 20 Washington Ave., North Haven, CT 06473.**

### Brief History of Dr. Beatrice N. Okwu at Girl Scouts, Connecticut Council, Inc.

Dr. Okwu joined Girl Scouts, Connecticut Trails Council, as a Field Executive (currently known as Membership Marketing Manager) on July 5, 1977. She was promoted to the position of Director of Program in 1982.

Among the many of her innovations to the Girl Scout program at Connecticut Trails is the classic and elegant Gold Award "High Tea." Under her leadership, a dedicated Volunteer Gold Award Guidance Committee inspired the girls to produce Gold Award projects of the highest quality that contributed to the betterment of their community. Dr. Okwu always commented on the development and growth that are demonstrated by the girls due to the experiences they gained while engaged in the completion of the specific requirements for Gold Award. At the High Tea Ceremony where girls were recognized for completion of the highest award in Girl Scouting for girls, Dr. Okwu's pride in the girl's achievement was evident as she watched each girl step forward to receive her well deserved Gold Award Pin. Only 5% of the Girl Scouts in the nation achieve this level of achievement.

Dr. Okwu's belief in hard work and success is no surprise because as a full time staff she continued her studies at The University of Connecticut where she earned and was conferred with a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1995. Bea is married to Dr. Austine S. O. Okwu. They have five successful sons, beautiful daughters-in-law and at her retirement in 2005, six adorable grandchildren.

This award honors Dr. Okwu's commitment to the Gold Award and represents interest income from a permanent fund established by the board of directors of Girl Scouts, with donated funds, to recognize her work.

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**APPLICATION FOR THE DR. BEA OKWU GIRL SCOUT  
GOLD AWARD SCHOLARSHIP**

**Application deadline: Postmarked by April 1, 2011**

**In order to qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must:**

1. Be registered with Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc.
2. Be a Senior in high school or have completed the Gold Award project and paperwork by September 30<sup>th</sup> following graduation from high school
3. Live in Connecticut at the time of the application (unless away at college)
4. Have completed or will have completed her Gold Award project by May 1 of her Senior year in high school or by September 30 following graduation from high school

**To apply for the scholarship:**

1. Complete the enclosed application. If more space is needed, the back of the application may be used. Each essay should be on a separate sheet, no more than one single-spaced type written page in 12 pt type. The applicant's name must appear on each page submitted.
2. Provide three references.
3. Provide a photocopy of applicant's acceptance letter from the college or vocational/technical school the applicant intends to attend.

Submit to: **Attn: Program Dept. - Scholarship  
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For additional information contact the program department at 800-922-2770 or [program@gsofct.org](mailto:program@gsofct.org).

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GS ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra-Curricular Activities (including office held)**

**Girl Scouting**

**Non-Girl Scouting**

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**Paid employment and Volunteer Community Service/Jobs:**

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**Awards Received:**

**Girl Scouting**

**Non-Girl Scouting**

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**Essays (no more than one single-spaced typed page for each essay). Each essay should be submitted on a separate page and clearly identified:**

**Essay 1: Describe what you have gained from Girl Scouting.**

**Essay 2: Describe your Gold Award project, including successful aspects, problems you encountered, what you learned from doing your project and how the project benefited the community. What aspect of your project is ongoing?**

**References (Please provide name, relationship/position, address, phone and e-mail):**

**An adult who influenced your life from your community: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

**A Girl Scout Adult/Volunteer or Staff: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Gold Award Committee Member or project site contact: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**I attest that the information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I agree to provide the Selection Committee with documentation of having been accepted at a college or technical/vocational school with at least a one year program prior to receiving the award payment.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

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