



Connecticut Elks Association Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship



The Connecticut Elks Association is providing a scholarship fund of \$1,000 to be awarded to a Connecticut Girl Scout who is a Gold Award Recipient --graduating senior entering college in the year of 2011.

REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must:

- Be a current member of Girl Scouts of the USA of Connecticut.
- Have received the Girl Scout Gold Award, or have verified that their application for the Gold Award is pending with the council which will be approved prior to 8/31/2011.
- Be a graduating high school senior entering college in the year the scholarship is applied. (Scholarships are awarded only to those who graduate from high school in the calendar year in which scholarships are presented.)
- Provide a transcript of high school grades. (Does not have to be an official transcript.)
- Demonstrate leadership ability and a strong record of participation in activities in and outside of Girl Scouts.
- Provide one letter of recommendation from: a Girl Scout staff member or leader, teacher, counselor, religious leader, etc., who knows the applicant and her accomplishments personally. (Statements from relatives will not be accepted.)
- Submit her application to Girl Scouts of Connecticut, postmarked by April 1, 2011. Application should be sent to the program Department, GSOFACT, 20 Washington Ave. North Haven, CT 06473.

CONDITIONS

The scholarship recipient must agree to the following conditions before accepting it:

1. The Connecticut Elks Association pays all funds directly to the college of the candidate's choice, in her name. @: (Book Store)
2. Funds are to be used for college expenses only ex. Tuition, room, board, and books, for so long as recipient remains a student.
3. GSUSA councils will not be involved with distribution of funds.

PROCEDURES

Individual Applicants

To ensure that the application is given full consideration, please read and follow the application procedures. The Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient applying for a scholarship must:

- Complete the application and **submit it to GSOFCT by the due date.**
- **Please include only items listed** (no biographies, résumés, or academic testimonials are necessary).
- Answer all questions on the application form when possible. Use one side of one page per question to respond when appropriate. Answers should be 250 words or less in 12 pt. Font or printed neatly by hand.
- Provide a **1 page / 1 sided** recommendation letter from only one of the following: a volunteer or professional Girl Scout leader, Teacher, Counselor, Religious Leader, etc., who knows the applicant and their accomplishments personally. Letter should include contact information of the signer.
- Include the applicant's name on the top of all pages.
- Submit all attachments with the application form to Program Department, GSOFCT, 20 Washington Ave. North Haven, CT 06473.

***FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.**

- Application should include: Application form (including added response pages), transcripts and a letter of recommendation. **PLEASE do not staple Documents.**

For Staff of Girl Scouts of Connecticut:

- Determine application submission for GSOFCT council no later than **April 22, 2011.**
- Select up to 10 applicants for final consideration by the **Elks Selection Committee** and forward by **April 29, 2011** Based on a total of 10 candidates.
- Be advised that only those applications postmarked before midnight on **April 22, 2011** and/or received by **April 29, 2011** will be considered. Due to the volume of documents required, **FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.**
- Create a one page/one-sided cover letter, explaining why the council selected these applicants and confirming the applicant's membership in Girl Scouts.
- Be advised that applications become the property of the *Connecticut Elks* Association and will not be returned.
- Inform all candidates that their application is among the ten being forwarded to the **CONNECTICUT ELKS SELECTION COMMITTEE** for final consideration.

- The Connecticut Elks association will inform GSOFACT in May 2011 of its decision.
- The Application packet should include council cover letter, application form (including attachments), transcripts and letter of recommendation.
- Please ensure that no other documentation for each applicant is included in the packet of each applicant. **PLEASE, do not staple Documents.**

APPLICATION FORM

An application form may be printed from the attached. This scholarship opportunity is available to every Senior Girl Scout Gold Award recipient who is graduating in June 2011 so the council is asked to ensure that every graduating Senior Girl Scout Gold Award candidate receives a copy of the announcement and application form.

2011 SELECTION PROCESS TIMELINE

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| Winter | GSOFACT will establish a pre-selection committee and Girl Scouts will return their applications to GSOFACT by April 1, 2011 . |
| April 4 | GSOFACT may submit <u>10 applicants</u> for final consideration.

Submission GSOFACT must be mailed by April 22, 2011 . Be advised that only those applications postmarked before midnight on April 6, 2008 and/ or received at the Lodge by April 29, 2011 will be considered. |
| April | A selection committee made up of representatives from The Connecticut State Elks Association will review the candidates as submitted by GSOFACT. |
| May | The Connecticut Elks Association will notify GSOFACT as to their final decision.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by phone and GSOFACT will be notified as to the presentation location of the Elks State Convention, which will be held the first Friday of June. |



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Application Form 2011



Please print or type the application. This form must accompany all applications.

Name of applicant _____ Troop # _____

Home address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

E-Mail Address:

Name of school: _____

School phone: _____

Cumulative High School GPA (Please convert to 4 point system): _____

The following questions should be answered in bulleted list or essay format as appropriate. Use one side of one page per question to respond when appropriate. Answers should be 250 words or less in 12 pt. Font or printed neatly by hand. Label all additional pages with your name, city and state, and the question number being responded to.

e.g. Jane Doe, City, State
Question #1: Other Achievements or Awards

1. Leadership

Share some outstanding accomplishment in any activity that demonstrates your leadership. Explain the leadership role that you played.

2. Service in community activities (social services, religious, food bank, etc.)

List activities or achievements with a brief explanation of your involvement or experience in them.

3. Classroom and extracurricular activities (other than scholastic- i.e., sports,

clubs, class president, etc.)

List other activities or achievements with a brief explanation of your involvement or experience in them.

4. Scholastic Achievements or awards (examples- Honor Roll, Superintendent's

Award, National Honor Society, etc.)

List scholastic achievements or awards from your academic career with a brief explanation.

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5. Individual interests, hobbies

List interest or hobbies with a brief explanation of your involvement or experience in them.

[6. Overall evaluation by Elks Committee.]

7. What prompted you to apply for this Scholarship?

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian



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COUNCIL'S SELECTION CRITERIA

The following areas of achievement will be rated in selecting the scholarship Council's Candidate:

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| 1) Leadership
3-5 experiences | 30 points |
| 2) Service: Community and Religious
5 activities | 30 points |
| 3) Classroom & Extracurricular activities
5 activities | 15 points |
| 4) Scholastic achievements or Awards | 10 points |
| 5) Individual interests and/or hobbies
3-5 hobbies or interests | 5 points |
| 6) Overall review by Elks Committee | 10 points |