

Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines can help prepare you for your journey to higher education! We prepare girls for their future by focusing on civic leadership, science, technology, engineering, arts, math, and healthy living.

There are several fantastic scholarships exclusively for Girl Scouts. We encourage our members to explore each scholarship. From studying abroad to educational expenses, these scholarships are aimed at providing exciting opportunities for applicants. Although there are multiple scholarships awarded to Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts do not need to apply for each scholarship individually. Complete the GS-NCCP Scholarship Common Application to be considered for any of the scholarships listed below.

JANE S. BARRINGER AWARD

“Mrs. B” has been an inspiration to Girl Scouts in our council for 50 years! As a teen advisor she has offered girls different perspectives and opportunities to make a difference. If you are proactive and passionate about making the world a better place, apply for this scholarship designed to further your education or skill development.

This award is open to Gold Award Girl Scouts who are high school seniors or adult professionals pursuing further education or skill development.

MISTY CRABTREE EASTHAM SCHOLARSHIP

As a girl in foster care, Misty joined Girl Scouts and gained a network of friends to support and guide her - friends who joined her in a journey of adventure that provided life-changing opportunities. Misty overcame adversity and embodied a sense of selflessness, generosity, drive, and determination. Her scholarship foundation recognizes and rewards Girl Scouts with these same qualities.

This scholarship is open to Gold Award Girl Scouts who are high school seniors. Preference will be given to girls who have overcome adversity as defined by the applicant.

GLADYS MARION SCHOLARSHIP

The Gladys Marion Scholarship was made possible by a lifetime member of Girl Scouts who gave her time and shared her talents to support Girl Scouts as they developed their leadership skills and prepared to be the next generation of leaders. This scholarship recognizes Girl Scouts who have demonstrated significant leadership as members of Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines through earning their Girl Scout Gold Award or through equivalent participation in Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines leadership programs. The scholarship is a four-year scholarship and will support the recipient each year over the course of her undergraduate tenure, provided the recipient continues to meet academic requirements.

This scholarship is open to all Girl Scouts. Preference will be given to high school seniors primarily residing in Brunswick, New Hanover, or Pender County.



Here's How to Apply

GETTING STARTED

In order to complete and submit a scholarship application, you must create a username and password. When you apply for a scholarship for the first time, you will be prompted to create one.

You may preview the scholarship application before logging in and completing it. The essay questions are listed below on page 3.

STEP 1:

By **April 1, 2022:**

- Complete the **GS-NCCP Scholarship Common Application** in SmarterSelect.
- The Scholarship Common Application requires **three (3) letters of recommendation** from individuals of your choosing. The individual may not be a family member.

STEP 2:

By **April 1, 2022:**

- **Remind** references to upload your letter of recommendations.
- Applications without 3 letters of recommendation are considered incomplete.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. YOU are responsible for following up with your references to ensure they have been submitted by April 1.

CRITERIA FOR SUBMITTING REFERENCES

- All scholarships and awards require at least three letters of recommendation. All recommendations must be submitted using the Scholarship Common Application. Applicants will provide the contact information of the person writing the recommendation. This person will be sent a link to complete the recommendation questions. This person does not need to create an account to complete the reference.
- Please inform the person writing your recommendation to look for an email. Your Scholarship Common Application will not officially be submitted until all references are received.



You'll Answer Short Answer Essays

In an effort to best prepare you for completing your application, we're providing the essay questions here so you can start formulating your responses.

- 1. In 1250 words or less, briefly describe how the scholarship would advance or benefit your educational aspirations including personal development opportunities.**

Provide enough details for reviewers to make an accurate assessment, but no less than 250 words.

- 2. In 1250 words or less, as a member of Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines, describe your leadership experience during the planning and implementation of your Girl Scout Gold Award Take Action project.**

This should include a brief description of your Girl Scout Gold Award Take Action project, no less than 250 words. If you did not earn the Girl Scout Gold Award this question will not populate.

- 3. In 1250 words or less, describe how you are currently applying the leadership skills you have acquired as a Girl Scout?**

Consider including new skills you may have gained, what qualities you have learned about yourself and how these discoveries will help you in the future. No less than 250 words.

- 4. In 1250 words or less, share how you have demonstrated significant leadership as a member of Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines through your participation in GS-NCCP leadership programs.**

This should include a brief description of your involvement in any leadership program including, but not limited to, Counselor in Training, Volunteer in Training, Program Aide, Girl Board or an activity planning committee (area or council sponsored). This question will populate only if you did not earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. No less than 250 words.

- 5. In 1250 words or less, briefly describe how you incorporate the Girl Scout Promise and Law into your everyday life.**

Share information, actions, and/or behaviors that detail how you incorporate the Girl Scouts Promise and Law into your everyday life. No less than 250 words.

- 6. In 1250 words or less, please describe a situation in which you have overcome a hardship, difficulty, or adversity in your life, as defined by you.**

Share based on your life experiences, know that these experiences will be kept confidential.

- 7. In 1250 words or less, how has your participation in Girl Scouting influenced your life and provided opportunities that you may not have otherwise had? Please explain completely, entries should be approximately 1,000-1,250 words.**

This should include any information that helps evaluators understand the difference that Girl Scouting has made in your life, be as specific as possible.

Pro-Tips

Ever wonder what the Scholarship Selection Committee wants to see?

Here are a few tips for applying for scholarships.

- If you'd like to get started early, **we recommend working on your responses in Word or another word processing application**. You can then **copy and paste** your answers into SmarterSelect when the application opens.
- **Give concrete examples** If your answer to an essay question is abstract, support it with a concrete example that illustrate your point. The scholarship sponsor wants to see evidence that you satisfy their criteria, not just unsupported statements.
- **Apply only if you are eligible**. Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully, and make sure that you are eligible before you send in your application. Your application will not be considered if you are not a qualified applicant.
- **Identify the donors' goals**. Try to understand the donors' motivation in offering the award. If you can identify their goals, you can direct your application toward satisfying those goals, increasing your chances of being the selected recipient of the award.
- **Complete the application in full and follow directions**. Many students fail to follow directions. You can give yourself a competitive advantage by reading the directions carefully. Provide everything that is required. Be sure to complete the entire application. If a question does not apply, note that on the application by stating "not applicable". Do not leave it blank.
- **Neatness counts**. Make several photocopies of all the forms you receive. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet. It is always best to type the application. Proofread the entire application carefully. Nothing is less impressive than an application with misspelled words or grammar errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.
- **Write an accomplishments resume**. Compile a list of all your accomplishments. This will help you identify your strengths and prepare a better application. Give a copy of the resume to the people who are writing letters of recommendation for you. They will be able to work some of the tidbits into their letters, making it seem like they know you better.
- **Watch all deadlines**. Impose a deadline for yourself that is at least two weeks before the stated deadline. Use this 'buffer time' to proofread your application before you send it off. **YOU** are responsible for making sure all parts of the application arrive on time. This includes supporting materials, such as letters of reference and transcripts. So, make sure everyone who is contributing to your application has ample lead-time.
- **Take steps to make sure your application gets where it needs to go**. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet and keep it on file. If your application goes astray, you can always reproduce it quickly.
- **Ask for help if you need it**. If you have problems with the application, do not hesitate to call or e-mail.
- **Remember, your scholarship application represents YOU!** Your ability to submit a neat, timely, complete application reflects on you.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process, please contact girlawards@nccoastalpines.org