

FINANCIAL GRANTS

What is the Financial Grants Fund?

Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, Inc. maintains a Financial Grants Fund supported by the Girl Scout fall product sale, contributions made to the Annual Giving Fund, and other generous donations. This fund provides financial help to registered Girl Scouts who find it difficult to pay for costs associated with Girl Scout membership and activities. This fund supplements what is contributed by the applicant/family/troop toward what is needed by the individual.

How to apply for financial grants

Complete the appropriate financial grant request form as indicated below and return within the stated time frame.

Requests related to participation in events

For requests related to participation in Girl Scout events, decisions are based on the amount of money available and the ability of a girl and her family to pay the fees required. The committee also considers prior financial assistance received, past participation in Girl Scout activities, service to the Girl Scout organization, and participation in Girl Scout product program. Although extenuating circumstances are considered, financial grant awards for events generally do not exceed 50 percent of the event fee.

NOTE: Events should be planned within the financial means of the majority of the girls participating. Financial grants are not available for general subsidy of troops, trips and events.

Copies of the financial grant forms are found in the “Financial Grant Forms” section of this resource. Additional copies may be obtained from your membership staff person or the program center. Forms are also available on our Website, www.gsfra.org.

Type of assistance needed	Name of Form	Completed By	Return To/By
National registration fee	Financial Grant Request Form for Dues, Merchandise and Events \$30 or less (Form B-1)	Troop leader or parent/guardian	Council registrar at time of registration
Troop dues Merchandise (books, uniform, insignia, basic starter kits, etc.) Event requests \$30 or less	Financial Grant Request Form for Dues, Merchandise and Events \$30 or less (Form B-1)	Troop leader or parent/guardian	Financial grants advisor <i>three weeks before</i> items are needed or with event registration
Event or training requests over \$30	Financial Grant Request Form for Requests over \$30 (Form B-2) (NOTE: Two Recommendation for Financial Grants forms must be sent out by applicant)	Applicant and parent/guardian (if girl applicant)	Sent with council event/camp registration or to financial grants advisor at least <i>three weeks before</i> event
Short-term troop loans (Limit \$500)	Troop Loan Request Form (Form B-3)	Troop leader and treasurer	Financial grants advisor <i>three weeks before</i> funds are needed