Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

D-Pass Application

Philosophy

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM) is committed to ensuring that all girls can participate in Girl Scouting this includes participating in traveling opportunities such as GSUSA's Destinations Events. Providing the D-Pass Grant is a part of our council's continued investment in leadership experiences for girls. The D-Pass Grant provides financial assistance to individual Girl Scout members.

Qualifications

Any registered girl at Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM) who is planning on attending a Destinations trip is qualified to apply for the D-Pass Grant. Only applications submitted by GSUSA's early application deadline will be considered. Please note, the typical early application deadline is November 15th.

Due to limited funds, most awards given are partial and families are expected to pay any remaining balance. Requests for retroactive or reimbursement funds will not be considered.

Destinations financial assistance through the council's awarded D-Pass is only available to individual girls—if a troop is planning a trip together, each girl must apply separately and there is no guarantee that all girls will be awarded funding.

All applicants must have cleared any outstanding balance owed to GSSEM.

Criteria

The following will be considered and reviewed:

- Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Membership
- Financial Needs of Applicant
- Participation in Cookie Sales
- Amount of Funds Available
- Timeliness of Application
- Completed and Legible Application
- Cost of Trip
- Confirmation of Acceptance into a Destinations Program

Guidelines

Should an applicant be awarded the D-Pass, a follow-up report is required and due 1-month after the awardee returns from the Destinations trip. The report template will be emailed upon confirmation of receiving the grant.

Please also familiarize yourself with the following guidelines:

- Only applications submitted by GSUSA's early application deadline will be considered.
- Priority is given to first-time Girl Scout Destinations participants.
- Assistance is limited to one Destinations event per girl per calendar year.
- Assistance is not available for travel expenses.
- You will not receive cookie proceeds in advance for your trip, so please plan accordingly.
- GSSEM reserves the right to determine who receives the D-Pass grant. Financial needs of applicant will be considered. All applications will be reviewed by GSSEM's D-Pass Grant Review Committee.
- The amount of funds granted will vary based upon need and available funds.
- Parents/guardians and girls must complete and sign all applicable forms and submit by the deadline. Partial completion, lack of legibility, and late submissions may result in being denied review and funding.

- Completed applications must be submitted by the second Friday in January of the appropriate calendar year.
- Should a girl be unable to attend her Destination for any reason, all D-Pass funds must be returned to GSSEM.

Application Process
All applicants must complete a separate application and confirm acceptance to a Destinations event. Only completed applications submitted by the second Friday in January of the appropriate calendar year will be considered.

Applications should be submitted via email to gssem-programs@gssem.org by the deadline. Applicants/parent(s) will be notified via email within four (4) weeks regarding a decision. Should there be a delay in processing, you will be notified with an updated timeline.

Payment for all approved requests will be sent directly to the host organization of the Destinations trip/event. An invoice will be required to be sent to GSSEM by the host organization to receive payment.

Receiving D-Pass funds will require additional paperwork to be signed if funds are accepted. All forms must be completed to receive payment.

Confidentiality
All information provided in the D-Pass Grant Application is strictly confidential. Names and financial information will be kept confidential by the D-Pass Grant Review Committee.

Applicant Information

Full Name of Applicant

Scout Level

Address

Grade

City State Zip

Years in Girl Scouting

Troop # or Juliette

Troop Leader/Parent Name

Applicant Email Address

Phone

Has Girl Scout participated in the most recent:

☐ Cookie Sales (current membership year)

Is this the applicant's first Destinations trip? If no, please advise of the date and location of the last trip.

☐ Yes ☐ No _____ Date of Last Trip _____ Location of Last Trip

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of parent/guardian (if applicant is under 18)

Phone #1

Full Mailing Address

Phone #2

Parent E-Mail Address

Financial Request

Name of Girl Scout Destination

Event Dates Event

Location

Event/Program Fee (dollar amount as listed by the host organization)

Please note that for most Destinations that are domestic trips, transportation/flights are not covered in the cost of the program. These fees are typically paid separately by the family. For international trips, some flights are covered with restrictions on flying out of specific airports. Meals, equipment, etc. are not included in most program fees and must be covered by the family.

Family Information
The information below will be reviewed and kept confidential. Providing this information will help ensure that all Girl Scouts regardless of socioeconomic status will have the ability to participate in travel opportunities.

Check household income range:

☐ < $30,000 ☐ $30,000-$55,000 ☐ $55,001-$80,000 ☐ $80,001-$105,000 ☐ $105,001+

Total number of family members in household _____

Girl Essay (to be completed by applicant)
Please use the space below to explain how going on this Destination will impact your short and long-term goals.

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Parent Essay (to be completed by parent/guardian)
Please use the space below to explain any extraordinary circumstances that may be beneficial for the review committee to know when making funding decisions.

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Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date