Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

Counselor-in-Training (CIT)
Personal Statement Requirements

Please write a 350-500 word personal statement about one of the options below to accompany your application. Your statement must be typed in Arial, 11 pt, double-spaced, and proofread for spelling and grammatical errors. Statements not following these criteria will not be accepted.

The first portion of your personal statement should contain answers to the following questions:

Describe a specific event that made you want to become a counselor. Tell the story of what happened. How did this event affect your view of camp? What does it mean to be a role model? Why do you want to work with children?

In addition, please choose ONE of the following options to expand on the beginning of your personal statement:

Option 1

Discuss a specific event that marked your transition from childhood into young adulthood.

• Tell the story of what happened and how it affected you.
• Why was this event so transitional?
• Did your culture, community, or family play into this transition?
• What changed about yourself that made you realize you were becoming a young adult?

Option 2

Describe a problem you have solved or a problem you would like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a school or work project, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took—or could have taken—to identify a solution.

• Explain its significance to you.
• What steps did you take—or could have taken—to identify a solution?
• How do you think this process will be applicable to the counselor experience?
• How did you learn from this process?
Option 3

Write about a time you experienced failure.

- How did this failure affect you?
- Did you learn any lessons from it?
- What are the differences between success and failure?
- Is failure a tool?
- Was there an equally as memorable experience of success?