

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Individual Membership

PHILOSOPHY

- Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is committed to ensuring that all girls and adults are welcome who want to participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, are willing to make the Girl Scout Promise and to accept the Girl Scout Law. No girl will be prevented from participating in Girl Scouting due to financial barriers.
- Girl Scout troops/groups are encouraged to designate a portion of their troop/group treasury for the annual membership dues of their membership.
- Financial assistance is provided to individual girls and adults based on their specific financial need. Girl and adult applicants for membership subsidy *are expected to contribute some portion* of the membership fee, based on the family's financial ability.
- Membership assistance is available on a very limited basis to adults. Assistance may be made available to an adult who is a part of the troop leadership team, including cookie parents and drivers. (See *Safety Activity Checkpoints* guidelines for more information.)

• **Note to Volunteers**

Based on federal guidelines, the council is required to report the year-end balance of all troop/group funds. All troops/groups must submit a copy of their current year financial report with the current balances and bank information to the Girl Scout Center by June 30. The Troop/Group Financial Report is located on the website. New troops should submit an initial Troop/Group Financial Report within 30 days of registering the troop.

Troops/Groups that do not have a Troop/Group Financial Report on file will be ineligible to receive financial assistance from Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.

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This form must be completely filled out and signed by the volunteer in order to approve the subsidy.

Service Unit #: _____ Troop/Group #: _____ Total # of Girls Registered: _____

Please check all that apply:

- New Troop/Group
 Re-Registering Troop/Group
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 For Re-Registering Troops: Yes, I have submitted a Troop/Group Financial Report Form for the previous membership year.

Volunteer or Staff Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Attach to membership forms at the time of registration.

| Girl or Adult Names | Girl (✓) | Adult (✓) | Subsidy Request | Parent/Group Contribution | TOTAL (\$25 each) |
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| TOTAL (add each column) | | | | | |

I verify that all parents/caregivers and Girl Scout volunteers have been fully informed of the membership fee and the subsidy guidelines, and all volunteers and parents/caregivers of girls listed above, have verified their specific financial need.

Volunteer or Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be answered by volunteer or staff:

Would the girl(s) or adult(s) listed above be able to participate without this subsidy?

For Girl Scout Center use only:

- Troop Financial Report on File
 Troop Financial Memo Sent
 Further conversation with staff required

Team Leader Signature (must be different than staff signature): _____ Date: _____

Notes: _____

