

Fairy Godmother Scholarship

The Fairy Godmother scholarship program is part of a broader commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion at GSSOAZ. We are focused on providing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to all Girl Scouts and seek more ways to support our members in underrepresented communities. This scholarship program is just one example of our commitment to breaking through barriers to increase our impact.

Scholarships are given only for GSUSA Destination programs and designated GSSOAZ hosted trips.

In our commitment to increasing equity and accessibility to travel experiences, GSSOAZ will preference applications from Girl Scouts who are in historically underrepresented groups, including but not limited to: racial, ethnic, low-income, cognitive or physical limitation, and first-generation youth.

One or more full scholarships are given out to recipients each year. Additional partial funding may be awarded to applicants not selected for a full scholarship depending on the funding available.

See details on application requirements and submit your entry today!



To be eligible, you must:

1. You intend to travel on a GSUSA Destination program or a designated GSSOAZ hosted trip. This includes one of the following:
 - a. Already enrolled in a GSUSA Destination program.
 - b. If awarded, will enroll in a GSUSA Destination program.
 - c. Already enrolled in a GSSOAZ Council hosted trip.
 - d. If awarded, will enroll in a GSSOAZ Council hosted trip.
2. Be 14 years of age or older at the time of the trip.
3. Currently are a registered member of Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona.
4. Participate in both Fall Product Sale and the Cookie Program in the year before your application.

Please note: If the trip is cancelled or the traveler does not participate, there is no cash value. At least one full scholarship each year will cover the entire trip cost. This includes airfare, select travel gear that may be needed (e.g. luggage), passport application fee, etc.

Additional partial scholarships may be awarded if the applicant is not selected for a full scholarship. Ordinarily, scholarships are not held over more than one year. Exceptions can be made in certain circumstances at the discretion of the GSSOAZ CEO.



This life changing opportunity is within reach, and the process is easy!

Follow these simple steps:

1. If you meet the eligibility requirements listed, you can sign up for a scholarship mentor meeting. This can be on Zoom or in person. A Fairy Godmother will come to you!
2. You and your caregiver/s will meet with your scholarship mentor who will explain everything and coach you on your application essay.
3. Complete the application questions.
4. Meet with a group of Fairy GodMothers who want to learn all about you, and why you want to travel. Zoom interviews are available!

That's it! After scholarship selections are made, your mentor will contact you to share the good news and next steps or help you refine your application for future opportunities.

To sign up for a no obligation scholarship mentor meeting, email Timalee at tnevels@girlscoutsssoaz.org.

If you are not eligible and wish to ask about a possible exception, please email Timalee.



Denise Birger

This program is funded in part by an endowment from the Denise Birger Adventure Fund. Denise loved our sisterhood. She believed in the power of the Cookie Program to allow Girl Scouts to fund their own adventures and take action in their communities. She was a mentor to many and a friend to all. From Camp Whispering Pines, to river rafting and scuba diving, to international travel, Denise loved a good adventure. The generous gift will allow Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona to help make travel dreams come true for many years to come.



Scan this code with your phone's camera to apply online!

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