



GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

AWARD The Texas Elks State Association will award a \$2,500 scholarship to one 2026 Texas high school graduating senior who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The 2026 scholarship must be used at an accredited junior college, college, university or trade/vocational in the United States during the 2026-2027 academic year.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution the recipient attends, upon receipt of the enrollment verification form from the school.

APPLICATION DEADLINE Application must be received by **January 30, 2026**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO your local Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair either in person or by mail. If necessary, use the Lodge Locator at www.elks.org to locate your nearest Elks Lodge in Texas.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a 2026 graduating senior who is a citizen of the United States, a resident of Texas and currently enrolled in an accredited Texas high school.
- A current Girl Scout who needs financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses.
- Earn the Girl Scout Gold Award and provide proof of final approval of project by May 1, 2026.
- Plan to attend an accredited junior college, college, university, or trade/vocation school in the United States during the 2026-2027 school year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Fill out **all** blanks on the TESA Gold Award Scholarship Application. Type or print legibly in **black** ink.
- In addition, submit the following information:
- Obtain a current high school transcript to include with your application. A transcript is **required** for your application to be considered. Transcript may be unofficial but should contain the signature of the appropriate school official.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation. One recommendation should be from an adult Girl Scout who is not a relative. Other letters may be from school, church or community representatives. Letters must be signed. (Unsigned copies will not be considered.)
- Copy of Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report as submitted to your Girl Scout Council. *(Application may be submitted prior to final Council approval; however, confirmation of Council approval by May 1 will be required before scholarship is awarded.)*
- Staple or clip the application on the upper left corner so that there are no loose pages. DO NOT use a binder or folder. Applications will not be returned to applicants regardless of the outcome of the selection process. All applications become the property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and will be destroyed after judging. Please include photos and any/all data pertaining to your Gold Award.
- Please include a signed copy of your Gold Award approval.

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of judges will evaluate applications on leadership, achievement, recommendations and financial need. Judges may award additional weight for an outstanding Gold Award Project.

If the Gold Award Final Report does not indicate your Council's final approval of your Project, confirmation that approval was received by May 1 will be required from your Council via email or fax in the form of a statement of approval or copy of your Gold Award Certificate, before the scholarship can be awarded.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AUTOFORM APPLICATION

1. Download and save the application to your computer.
2. Open the document with Adobe Acrobat Reader. (Note—other PDF programs may open the file but not allow you to enter or save information. If using a program other than Acrobat, please test that your program will allow you to complete, save, and print your application.) Acrobat Reader DC may be downloaded free at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
3. Enter the information requested in each highlighted area.
4. The form does NOT have to be completed all at once. You may save and close the form, the re-open it later and complete it.
5. When all information has been entered, print the form and sign/date where signatures are required. APPLICATIONS WITH MISSING OR INCOMPLETE SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
6. Attach all required documentation to the application.
7. Submit your completed application to your local Elks Lodge by the application deadline.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AUTOFORM APPLICATION MANUALLY

1. Download and save the application to your computer.
2. Open and print the document with a program that will open PDF documents.
3. Complete each area of the application. Be sure to sign/date where signatures are required. APPLICATIONS WITH MISSING OR INCOMPLETE SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
4. Some fields may be set to calculate totals electronically; these fields will have “0.00” printed in them. Please mark through the digits and enter your totals.
5. Attach all required documentation to the application.
6. Submit your completed application to your local Elks Lodge by the application deadline.
Deadline for submission: January 30, 2026

Type or print in **black** ink

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: I certify to the accuracy of the facts included in this application. I give my permission for the Texas Elks State Association and/or its local Lodges to use my name and to quote from my application in news and other publicity media. I understand that this application becomes the property of the Texas Elks State Association and will not be returned.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Email address _____ Phone
number _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT: I/We hereby certify that the information in this application pertaining to my/our daughter is true and correct and I/we hereby waive any claim against the Texas Elks State Association and its subordinate lodges.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Email address _____ Phone: _____

GIRL SCOUT LEADER: The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent the Texas Elks State Association and the Girl Scouts of America and has my recommendation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name(s) _____

Mother's occupation _____ Father's occupation _____

What is your family's total annual income? \$ _____

Number of dependents (age 23 and under) who are supported by the family: _____

GIRL SCOUTING INFORMATION

Girl Scout Council _____

How many years have you been a registered Girl Scout? _____

Date Girl Scout Gold Award completed or approved: _____ *(Please indicate if approval is pending)*

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

High School attended: _____ Projected Date of Graduation _____

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____ Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank: _____

List leadership positions and honors received during your senior high school years from your religious institution, high school and community. *(Attach additional page(s) if needed)*

Leadership

Honors

Describe your involvement in each of the following:

Other scholarships you have been awarded (please list):

Awarded by

Amount

Name of junior college, college, university, or trade/vocational school you hope to attend:

What will be your major field of study in school?

- Enclose a current high school transcript.
- Enclose three (3) letters of recommendation

Enclose a copy of your Girl Scout Gold Award Final Report