

Financial Assistance Program Guidelines

Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc., is committed to ensuring that all girls are able to participate in Girl Scouting. Financial assistance is part of our continued investment in providing leadership experiences for girls, regardless of socioeconomic status.

The financial assistance program provides confidential, need-based financial assistance to individual girl and adult Girl Scout members. Funds help cover costs associated with membership registration, basic supplies and valuable Council-sponsored Girl Scout Leadership Experience activities or events.

- Financial Assistance should be completed by an adult within the household, who is able to provide the specific confidential information required
- Girls (adults on their behalf) submitting a Financial Assistance application must be currently registered in Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, or seeking a new membership within the Council's jurisdiction.
- Applicant does not have any outstanding debts with GSNYPENN.
- Financial Assistance allocations are made to subsidize the cost of event/activity/camp.
- NYPENN encourages girls and families to contribute to the event/program, uniforms, etc. that they are interested in attending or having for their Girl Scout experience. Financial Assistance is designed to provide supplemental resources to households and families, not full coverage of events or items.
- Financial Assistance is provided to subsidize registration fees for Girl Scout Council-Sponsored summer camp programs
- If the applicant is registered for multiple camps, financial assistance will be awarded towards one camp.
- No checks will be supplied to troops or individuals
- Requests for retroactive or reimbursement funds will not be considered.
- Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing the Financial Assistance Applications
- The Program Vouchers are exclusively for girls and based upon process for: one Grade-Level Vest or Sash, one Council ID Patch, one American Flag Patch and the Troop Numeral Patches
- A girl may apply for Financial Assistance for the Program Voucher allowance only once every 2 years/per level (Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Ambassador)
- A voucher will be mailed to the parent/guardian for the Program Voucher allowance, and may be redeemed at the Council's Boutiques within 90 days.
- Program Vouchers issued may not cover your total purchase. Be prepared to pay the difference of your order.
- Program Vouchers can be redeemed over the phone and mailed to you. You will be charged shipping charges and any overage that the vouchers do not cover.
- Adults may apply for Financial Assistance if their participation is needed to satisfy adult/girl ratios per the Volunteer Toolkit.
- If adults are approved for Financial Assistance, an email will be sent. If denied, a letter will be mailed to the applicant.
- Adult membership can only be requested once per membership year (October 1 – September 30)
- Financial Assistance is not provided to subsidize Troop dues.
- Financial Assistance is not provided to cover specialty items required for an activity/event/camp. Applicants are responsible for the purchase/supply of their own special clothing and/or equipment, as it relates to any event/program.
- Financial Assistance is not provided to subsidize Troop or individual travel. This includes, but is not limited to, transportation, accommodations, registration/admission fees and meals.
- Financial Assistance is not provided to subsidize transportation (including mileage, tolls, rental vehicles, etc.) to/for Troop Service Unit or Council Sponsored events/programs.
- For Council-Sponsored Activity/Events/Camps – participant must register and pay the deposit prior to applying for financial assistance.
- For Council-Sponsored Activity/Events/Camps, the allocation shall be credited to your account and an email will be sent stating the amount awarded and the remaining balance.
- All applications must have verification documentation attached – Form 1040 (pages 1 and 2), 1040EZ or the last 2 paycheck stubs from all working individuals in the household.