

## Highest Award Project Funding

All Higher Award project funding must follow [GSUSA](#) and [GSNYPENN Policies](#). Go to pages 18-20 in the GSNYPENN policy document for Council specific information about fundraising. In the GSUSA Blue Book, go to page 20.

**Troop Funds:** Troop funds may be used for a Higher Award project if all troop members agree.

**Additional Money Earning:** Requests for Money Earning Activities must be approved by the Membership Support Department. Consult the GSNYPENN policy document for details of appropriate Money Earning Activities for Girl Scouts. The Money Earning Activity Request form can be obtained from our website: [Request for Money Earning Activity \(MEA\) \(jotform.com\)](#)

**Additional Money Earning Eligibility:** To raise additional funds for a Higher Award project the troop, group or Juliette (Individually Registered Member) must participate in both Council-sponsored product sale programs (Cookie Sale and Fall Product Sale) in order to be eligible to conduct additional types of Money Earning Activities.

**Fundraising Blackout Period:** No additional Money Earning Activities may take place during Council “blackout” periods, defined as the time between product sale order-taking and when sale money is turned into the troop/group.

**In-kind Donations:** In-kind donations of a value less than \$100 may be accepted by a troop/group/unit. In-kind donations over a \$100 value should be accepted at the Council level only. All requests for in-kind support must be approved by the Fund Development Department.

**Cash Gifts:** As per national Girl Scout policy, no Girl Scout is permitted to ask for gifts of cash from any entity. However, if a troop leader, parent, or adult volunteer has a connection in your community for possible cash gifts, please consult with the Fund Development Department where it will be determined how to work in partnership to secure the gift. GSNYPENN is the only legal entity that can secure and process cash gifts as a condition of our 501 (c)(3) status.

**Exception for Gold Award projects:** Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors may solicit philanthropic donations to the Council of cash or in-kind goods for Girl Scout Gold Award projects, provided they have secured prior written permission from the Development Department.

**All requests for in-kind or monetary support must be approved by the Development Department.** For more information and to submit a request please use this link: [Request for In Kind Donation or Monetary Donations \(jotform.com\)](#)

**Donor Designated Gifts:** If an individual donor or businesses wishes to make a gift of cash to a specific troop/group/unit then the individual donor or business must send their donation directly to council with a note including the troop/group/unit number that they wish their gift to be directed. Once the check has been processed, council will remit the donation to the appropriate troop/group/unit.

*This document is provided as a summary of Higher Award fundraising options. Please refer to the policy documents for the most up to date full details. Questions: [info@gsnypenn.org](mailto:info@gsnypenn.org)*