

Who Can Receive Financial Assistance for Membership

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington (GSOSW) offers 100% financial assistance to all youth members and adult volunteers in need while funds allow, no questions asked.

How to Request Financial Assistance for Membership Registration

If there is need, the primary caregiver for the household may request financial assistance for girl and adult volunteer memberships at the payment screen during [online registration](#).

How to Request Financial Assistance for Membership Renewal

If there is need, the primary caregiver for the household may request financial assistance for girl and adult volunteer memberships at the payment screen during [online registration](#).

Special Note: Girl Scouts are encouraged to budget for their girl's memberships either with troop funds or using their program or pathway credits earned through the Girl Scout Cookie and Fall Product Programs. With that in mind, Girl Scout staff will confirm during the process if your girl has program or pathway credits available that can cover some, or all, of the renewal fees.

- If your girl does have program or pathway credits, we encourage, but do not require, them to be used to pay for membership dues.
- If your girl does not have program or pathway credits, we will automatically process and approve financial assistance.

To eliminate barriers to volunteer participation, financial assistance will be available for adults participating in any volunteer roles.

How to Request Financial Assistance for Program Activities, Uniforms, or Books

Once connected to membership financial assistance, Girl Scout youth members are pre-approved to receive assistance for the following:

- Support toward the cost of registration for a council-sponsored signature event of their choice (e.g. STEM Day, Outdoor Day, Teen Retreat)
- A \$75 credit to reserve their spot in a council-run overnight camp program of their choice (A separate financial assistance “campership” application is available to support the cost of camp, to be completed after camp registration.)
- When entering a new Girl Scout program level, support toward the cost of a new uniform (including sash or vest, troop number, insignia) and program-level book.

Adult volunteers approved for membership assistance may request:

- Support toward the registration cost of one adult training of their choice to help ensure our volunteers are all prepared to deliver a meaningful experience to every Girl Scout.
- Volunteers in troop leader or service team roles may also receive uniform support (e.g. adult vest, troop numeral patches, insignia tab).

Any Girl Scout youth member or adult volunteer who does not apply for membership financial assistance may apply for financial assistance to support the cost of their Girl Scout program experience using the updated [GSOSW Financial Assistance Application form](#). It is not necessary to receive membership financial assistance to qualify for other types of aid, including campership. A member must be registered as a Girl Scout for the membership year in which they are requesting assistance.