

## Girl Scout Campership Award Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY:

Any registered Girl Scout (child) who is planning to attend day, overnight, Me & My Gal, or Me & My Dad session and cannot attend without financial assistance is eligible to apply. The amount of funds is limited; most of the awards granted are partial camperships and families are expected to pay at least 6% of the cost of camp on their own. In many cases the family's camp balance will be more than 6%. The \$30 deposit per session is also required and will be applied to the family's minimum 6% requirement.

### CRITERIA

The basis for granting funds is:

1. Membership in Girl Scouts of Maine, girls must be under age 18. Parents are not eligible.
2. Financial needs of applicants (report of family income & statement of need).
3. Participation in either fall product or spring cookie sales. (If girl did not participate an explanation is required.)
4. Amount of funds available.
5. Timeliness of the application (they are awarded on a first-come first-served basis).
6. Willingness of the girl and her family to help pay for some portion of her camp program fee. Families are expected to invest at least 6% of the tuition for their daughter's experience (it may be more).
7. Statement about the value of the camp experience for the girl applying.
8. Submission of an application and completeness of the application.
9. Cost of the camp session—request can only be for one Classic camp session; costlier specialty programs and multiple week sessions are not funded due to limited funds.
10. Camperships are not available for troop/mini-camps. Troops raise the funds for mini-camps.

### APPLICATIONS

**Online applications: Preferred.** All girls registering for Girl Scouts of Maine summer camps/programs will have access to the Campership application form during the online registration process, and an online campership application form can be completed and submitted electronically.

**Manual applications:** If using paper forms to register for camp, please request a paper version of the campership application form from GSME and submit it together with the camp registration form.

**Applications are due: April 1, 2024**

Decisions will be made, and families will be notified by mid-April.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information provided in Campership Applications is strictly confidential. Names of applicants are known only to the staff person(s) granting funds.

**AWARDING OF CAMPERSHIPS**

- The Volunteer Award Committee, with the Chief of Outdoor Operations, makes all decisions for awards of Girl Scout camperships.
- GSME is not able to honor a family's full financial request due to the number of applicants; families should not expect to receive their full request & are expected to make an investment in their daughter's camp experience.
- There is no guarantee that financial aid will be granted. We strive to assist as many girls with financial need as possible with the available funds. It is possible that a request will be denied due to lack of funds or lack of demonstrated financial need.
- Applicants will be notified of campership awards via email by mid-April, in advance of the due date for remaining camp balances which is Monday, June 3, 2024.
- The parent or guardian must return a signed form indicating that they intend to accept the campership and understand their own financial commitment.