



Frequently Asked [Fundraising] Questions for the Girl Scout Gold Award

Q. Can a girl ask for In-Kind donations?

A. Yes, she can present the project and ask for supplies.

Q. Do the hours when a Girl Scout is presenting her project to get donations count?

A. Yes. She is educating her community about her project.

Q. What if a company or organization needs the request in writing on GSHPA letterhead?

A. GSHPA can provide letterhead. Girls can write a letter explaining the project, and what is needed.

Q. Can a girl charge an event fee for their Gold Award Project?

A. Yes, but only to cover needed materials, never to make money.

Q. Can a girl or her family make personal contributions for their Gold Award Project?

A. Yes, but it should not be a hardship for the family.

Q. Can girls apply for a grant?

A. No, a girl cannot apply for a grant to support her project.

Q. Does GSHPA have fund available for Girls Gold Award Projects?

A. No, the Council does not have funding available for Gold Award projects.

Q. Are there inappropriate money-earning activities that we should avoid?

A. Yes:

- Games of chance, raffles
- Home demonstration parties: Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, etc.
- Receiving a percentage of sales from a business during a specific timeframe where those sales generate a profit for a specific company. Example: Applebee's fund raiser

Q. Can Cookie Credits be used for funding a Gold Award project?

A. No, Activity Credits are to be used exclusively for Girl Program. Not to benefit outside organizations or programs.

Q. Can a girl run a donation drive?

A. They can run a donation drive but based on council approval.

Q. Can girls sell products other than GS products, i.e. candy bars if they aren't in uniform?

A. No, they must show who and what they represent when seek solicitations.