

# Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council Opportunity Fund



## *Guidelines and Application*

Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council has funding available to help both girls and adults who might otherwise be unable to participate in Girl Scouting. Examples of circumstances when financial assistance may be needed include: unemployment, high medical bills, several girls from the same family becoming members, public assistance or low income. Thought should be given to how much of the cost the family, Girl Scout and/or troop can contribute.

### **Requirements for Opportunity Fund (formerly known as Financial Assistance) requests:**

- ▶ Applicant is or will become a registered member of Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council.
  - ▶ Applicant is unable to participate without financial assistance.
  - ▶ Applicant does not have any outstanding debts with Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council.
  - ▶ Funds may only be requested for membership dues, sash and insignia\* or Journey book\*\*, troop dues (maximum - \$20), council sponsored individual girl events, and adult learning opportunities.
- \* *If a Girl Scout Daisy requests a sash with insignia, she will be granted a \$7.50 credit towards the purchase of the new Daisy vest or tunic. Girls in other grade levels that wish to have a vest versus a sash will receive a \$4.20 credit towards the purchase of that vest.*
- \*\* *Individuals may request either a sash with insignia or a Journey book for their grade level. A request for either of these may only be done once per grade level. For example, a Girl Scout Brownie may only request her sash with insignia (or \$4.20 credit towards a vest) **OR** a Girl Scout Brownie Journey book during her two years as a Girl Scout Brownie. Once she becomes a Junior she may request one of those two items again.*

### **Procedures for requesting Opportunity Funds:**

- ▶ Complete one application per person per request.
- ▶ Complete all portions of the Opportunity Fund application. Incomplete information will delay your request.
- ▶ For assistance with membership dues, sash with insignia or Journey book and troop dues, **submit to your troop advisor the Opportunity Fund application sealed in the envelope provided with the membership registration form attached to envelope.**
- ▶ For assistance with council sponsored events for individual girls and adult training opportunities, **submit the Opportunity Fund application and the event or training registration form to Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council at the address listed on the bottom of the form.**
- ▶ Submit the application and required paperwork to Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council at least **four (4) weeks** prior to event/training date.
- ▶ Notification, pending review and recommendation process, will be made via mail within four (4) weeks.

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**Please answer each statement:**

- Yes  No I participated in the last cookie sale program.
- Yes  No I participated in the nuts/candy sale program last spring.
- Yes  No The troop is putting money toward this event/training/membership.
- Yes  No I am putting money toward this event/training/membership.
- Yes  No I have received assistance from the Opportunity Fund (formerly known as financial assistance) during this membership year (September – October)  once OR  twice

**Reason for Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list total monthly household income: \_\_\_\_\_

*(include Public Aid, Social Security, Disability, Wages, Child Support)*

**Estimated Expenses**

Membership Dues: \$ _____ (\$12)	Total Cost Request: \$ _____
Troop Dues: \$ _____ (\$20 max.)	Total Troop Paying \$ _____
Sash/ID Strips/Trp#s \$ _____	Total Family/Volunteer Paying \$ _____
Event/Training \$ _____	
Journey Book \$ _____	<b>TOTAL Requested From GSRBC: \$ _____</b>

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER: An incomplete application will not be processed. Therefore, complete all areas of application prior to submitting for approval. If you are unsure of how to complete the application, please contact the Girl Scout Service Center at 618-692-0692 or 800-345-6858.**

**Application for:**  Membership Dues  Troop Dues  Adult Volunteer Training  
 Sash & Insignia *(credit towards vest or tunic)*  
**OR**  Journey Book: *Choose One*  Leadership  Planet

**Please check one:**  I am a parent/guardian applying for my daughter.  
 I am an adult volunteer applying for myself.

*The person checked above is the contact person for the address/phone below.*

Girl Scout Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level:  Daisy  Brownie  Junior  Cadette  Senior  Ambassador

Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Event/Training Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Event/Training Date (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership Use Only</b>	
Stamped	_____
Check Request	_____
Volunteer Letter	_____
Parent Letter	_____
Sash/Insignia	_____
Journey Book	_____
Debtor	_____