

2026

# GSSEF Board of Directors Gold Award Scholarship

Est. 2025

## Applicant Criteria:

- Be a currently registered member of the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida (GSSEF);
- Have maintained GSSEF membership for a minimum of 3 years;
- Be a current 12th grader in the 25/26 academic year;
- Have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Have earned The Gold Award;
- Exemplify the Girl Scout values of courage, confidence, and character;
- Demonstrate leadership, and
- Will attend college/university in 2026 to achieve an undergraduate degree.

## More Details:

- The 2026 recipient is expected to attend the Gold Award Ceremony event on May 9th from 9 - 11:30 a.m. in Deerfield Beach.
- While the inability to attend the Gold Award Ceremony event does not disqualify an applicant, it should be disclosed at the top of the essay page. If this is not included, attendance will remain an expectation.
- The 2026 recipient will be provided with a form to provide proof of 26/27 college/university registration and student identification number so funds may be forwarded directly to the institution.

## Application Process:

Submit the 3 documents in one email to [customercare@gssef.org](mailto:customercare@gssef.org) by April 6th at 11:59 p.m.:

1. Provide this information at the top of the essay page, in a simple bulleted list: applicant's full name, age, home address, cell phone number, email address, current school grade, high school name, and total GSSEF membership years.
2. Provide a personal essay, max. of 500 words, that addresses these prompts:
  - What qualities do you believe are essential for effective leadership, and how do you embody them?
  - How has being a Girl Scout had a direct and meaningful impact on your personal leadership journey and how do you plan to apply this experience in your future educational pursuits?
3. Provide a Fall 2025 transcript with GPA.

Apply by 4/6/2026

2026 Scholarship Amount:  
\$3,000.00