

2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application deadline: Friday, January 26 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

By completing this application, you wish to be considered for:

- Anonymous STEM Endowment Scholarship
- Marvin and Tish Meyer Agricultural Endowment Scholarship
- SCCCED Endowment Scholarship
- Hina Patel Health and Wellness Endowment Scholarship

NOTE: high school or college transcript, including ACT/SAT test results (if applicable), and two letters of reference are required. Each reference letter must be in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature on the flap.

Full Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell / Alternative Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

High School: _____

Service Unit: _____ Troop #: _____ Years in Girl Scouts: _____

The college or school I plan to attend is: _____

For the following questions, use separate sheets of paper. List your name, complete address, and troop number at the top of each sheet. Answer each question with 250 words or less. Your answers must be typed.

1. Summarize your accomplishments during your years as a Girl Scout (e.g., Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards; significant badges, journeys, or religious scouting awards earned; Girl Scout leadership experiences; participation in product sales; camp experiences; etc.).
2. List extra-curricular and community service activities you participated in during high school or college. Include the number of years and your role(s). If you had a leadership role, note any challenging or rewarding aspects of the role.
3. What are your educational and career goals? What do you hope to be doing professionally five years after you graduate from college?
4. State why you believe you are a strong candidate for this scholarship. Include how Girl Scouts has benefitted you and how you apply the Girl Scout Promise and Law in your daily life. How will you demonstrate the Girl Scout principles while in college?

An official high school or college transcript, including ACT/SAT test results, if applicable. Letters of reference must be in separately sealed and signed envelopes. They may be included or sent separately to Girl Scouts of Central CA South, c/o Scholarship Committee, 1377 West Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93711.

NOTE: You will be required to provide your social security number before receiving scholarship funds in order for the sponsoring organizations to meet various governmental reporting requirements.

Amount of Endowment: \$100,000

Restriction Type: Restricted for Gold Awardees Majoring in Agriculture

Legal Ownership: Girl Scouts of Central California South

Criteria:

1. The Marvin and Tish Meyers Agricultural Endowment Scholarship shall be awarded to one or more Gold Awardees each year who are pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Agriculture at an accredited college or university.
2. The amount of the scholarship(s) each year will be at least \$5,000 in total. The scholarship(s) shall be paid from the earnings on the endowment fund as determined by their fair market value as of December 31st of each year. Disbursement of the funds will take place June 1st of each year. In the event that the available earnings of the fund are less than \$5,000, the shortfall will be made up by the council's unrestricted operating budget.
3. The recipient of the scholarship(s) must:
 - a. Apply for the scholarship within five years after completing her Gold Award or Senior Year in High School (whichever comes later);
 - b. Be a registered girl or adult member of Girl Scouts of Central California South at the time of applying for the scholarship and while receiving the scholarship;
 - c. Have a declared major in the field of Agriculture;
 - d. Submit a statement as to why they have chosen Agriculture as their future career;
 - e. Provide two letters of recommendation that support their intent to study Agriculture. (This letter may come from FFA mentor, high school counselor, agriculture teachers or professors, or a Girl Scout project mentor.)
 - f. Demonstrate financial need for scholarship assistance;
 - g. Attend a two-year or four-year college or university; and
 - h. Use funding for tuition, books, supplies, or projects related to coursework.
4. As a condition of receiving the scholarship(s), each recipient shall write a brief summary of how the scholarship assisted them, attend the Highest Awards Ceremony, and submit a photo, video, and written testimonial of the impact of the scholarship on their life and career to be used for promotional purposes.
1. **Applications will be due on or before January 26, 2024. Final Gold Award projects must be approved prior to Scholarship Application deadline. Scholarship finalists will be notified by February 23, 2024. Interviews will be conducted the week of March 4th, 2024. Scholarship recipient(s) will be selected by March 22, 2024. The scholarship(s) will be given to the selected recipient(s) at the Gold Award Luncheon that is tentatively scheduled for May 18th.**
5. If awarded the scholarship, the funds will be deposited directly into the student's account at the college or university they are/will be attending.
6. After completion of their scholarship year, the student(s) must submit a summary of their achievements during that scholarship year to the CEO of Girl Scouts of Central California South.