

Highest Awards, Money Earning, and Frequently Asked Questions

The Basics

- **You must complete the Troop Money Earning Application for all project money earning activities and follow all GSUSA and GSOH money earning polices.**
- You may ask the organization that is benefiting from your project to assist with funding.
- You may use Troop (or Girl Account for IRMs) funds, after a unanimous decision by the Troop Members. This can be a dollar amount or a percentage, again, based on the Troop Members preference. Monies must be documented for the Troop Finance Report.
- You cannot ask for money as a member of Girl Scouts. This asking is considered fundraising by the IRS and Girl Scout policies and is PROHIBITED. You, with the help of an adult, CAN ask for materials or services.
- All monies must be funneled through the Troop Bank Account. Your Troop Leader can assist you with this process. Excluding Personal Funds.
- You cannot raise money for another organization as a Girl Scout. This means you can't raise funds and give the proceeds to a homeless shelter or ask for pledges for a walk to benefit a research effort.
- You may not operate games of chance, including raffles.
- **Any individual donation over \$250 must be processed through GSOH and applied to the general fund for the benefit of all girls.**
- Any one donor who gives over \$250 in a single calendar year must be processed through GSOH and all funds will be applied to the general fund of the benefit of all girls.
- Any donor who requests a letter for tax purposes must be processed through GSOH and any funds will be applied to the general fund of the benefit of all girls.

DO's

- Sell Girl Scout Cookies and Fall Products
- Hold a Garage Sale
- Charge a Fee to an Approved Event to earn money for your project.

- Babysitting
- Leaf Raking or other yard work
- Pet walking and care
- Recycling
- Tutoring younger kids
- Refereeing sports games
- Party Services (Face Painting, Clowning, Magic Shows, Game Leading)
- Making and Selling Jewelry
- Creating and selling handmade items
- Holiday gift wrapping
- Accept offers of “In-Kind” Materials from anyone who wants to support your project(s).

DON'Ts

- Money earning where Girl Scouts might be perceived as endorsing or sponsoring a product or political viewpoint, such as being paid to pass out flyers for a political candidate.
- Hosting a “Dine-In” at a restaurant for a percentage of the sales.
- Selling anything on the internet as a Girl Scout. (This excludes your cookie and fall product sales official websites and emails.)
- Crowd-Sourced Funding is not allowed for any girl project or money earning activity.

GOLD AWARD ONLY

A generous donor set up a grant fund within GSOH specifically to support Gold Award projects! You can apply through the Highest Awards Review Committee for project funds from the Monica Girl Power Fund. You can apply for these funds after your proposal has been approved by contacting highestawards@gsoh.org and requesting an application form. GSOH does not allow Girls to apply for outside grants to fund their Gold Awards.