2018-2019 Girl Scouts of North East Ohio Group Application
Georgianna Bonds Domestic Travel Scholarship

Troops often plan and work together to go on trips. This application is for a troop to apply for a scholarship up to $1,000 to support girls in the entire troop. The Georgianna Bonds Travel Scholarship Fund supports young women in Girl Scouts of North East Ohio who plan to travel within the USA with Girl Scout troops/groups. The number of scholarships available and scholarship value are determined each year based on current funding. Completed applications are due on January 3, 2020.

**Applicant Information**

Name of Troop Leader: ___________________________ Telephone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________
Zip: ___________________________ County: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Troop #: ___________________________ Age Level of Troop: B   J   C   S   A  Trip Destination: ___________________________
Trip Dates: ___________________________ Number of Girl Travelling: _______ Number of Adults Travelling: _______

Has a trip application been filed with GSNEO? Yes  No  Has the trip received GSNEO approval? Y  N  ______

Total Cost of Trip: ___________ Amount Earned to Date: ___________ Amount Requested: ___________

Did the troop participate in the most recent magazine and snack program? Yes  No  ______

Did the troop participate in the most recent cookie program? Yes  No  ______

**Applicant Requirements**

• Currently registered with Girl Scouts of the USA  • Majority of troop must be Girl Scout youth members for at least 3 years  • Must live within GSNEO jurisdiction  • Complete application form and submit by due date  
• Include a 250-word essay from each girl describing her interest in travel and other benefits that she will gain from this travel experience  • Girls may only receive one travel scholarship annually

**Selection Process**

• A complete application form and essays must be submitted to GSNEO ATTN: Director of Girl Experience, One Girl Scout Way, Macedonia, Ohio 44056 by January 3, 2020
• A screening committee composed of Girl Scout volunteers and staff will evaluate all submitted applications based on the following criteria:
  • Application Completion  
  • Girl Scout Involvement  
  • Travel/Camping Experience  
  • Explanation of Expected Leadership Benefits of the Trip  
  • Extracurricular Activities, Including Volunteerism  
  • Written Essays  
  • Consideration will be given to those with demonstrated need
• Awardees will be notified March 2020

**Conditions of Scholarship**

• Girl Scouts of North East Ohio will make the disbursement directly to the designated Girl Scout troop/group. Disbursement will be made upon confirmation that the trip is approved by GSNEO and that all girls are registered for the designated trip for which the funds will be used.
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Please work with the girls in your troop to attach answers to the following questions:

1. Please tell us a bit about your troop. How long have you been together? What types of activities have you done? What other field trips, overnight trips, and camping experiences have you had? Have you earned any highest awards? What community service projects have you completed?

2. Describe the trip that you have planned. Please explain how the girls were involved in determining the Girl Scout trip, the trip itinerary and the trip budget. What did they learn through this process?

3. List other fundraising and money earning activities performed working towards this trip. Please demonstrate how the girls have earned or plan to earn a portion of the trip fees.

4. Optional: Please list any special circumstances that the committee should consider in their review of this application.

ESSAY - Please attach a 250-word essay written by each girl that answers the following prompt:

Travelling can be a life changing experience! Using your imagination, describe what you think you will gain from this type of experience.

By signing, I agree that all the information submitted on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Troop Leader Signature _______________________________ Date ________________

Georgianna Bonds served as a volunteer in many capacities including troop leader, Board President of one of GSNEO’s legacy councils, and international travel leader. She was also the leader of a horse troop in Berea for several years. She traveled to the World Centers and interacted with leaders and volunteers of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. She was active in national US level governing and policy-making activities in GSUSA. In honor of her many years of service, family members organized and continue to maintain this memorial fund.