2019-2020 Girl Scouts of North East Ohio
Susan Allen Memorial Travel Scholarship

Scholarships of up to $1000 will be distributed annually through the Susan Allen Memorial Travel Scholarship Fund to young women in Girl Scouts of North East Ohio who plan to travel internationally 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 by January 3, 2020.

**Applicant Information**

Name of Applicant _______________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________ City __________________________ State _______ Zip __________
School ____________________________________________ Grade ___________
County _________________________________________________________________
Telephone __________________________ Email ____________________________ Troop # ______________

Designated Trip __________________________ Troop/Group Planning Trip_____________________

Total Cost of Trip _______________ Amount Earned to Date __________ Amount Requested ______________

Did the applicant participate in the most recent fall magazine and snack program? Yes_____ No______
Did the applicant participate in the most recent cookie program? Yes_____ No______

Contact Information of Troop/Group Leader __________________________________________

**Applicant Requirements**

- Currently registered with Girl Scouts of the USA
- Must be a Girl Scout for at least 3 years
- Complete application form and submit by due date
- Include two (2) letters of recommendation
- Submit a 500-word essay describing your interest in travel and the expected benefits you will gain from this travel experience
- Must live within GSNEO jurisdiction
- Girls may only receive one travel scholarship annually

**Selection Process**

- A complete application form, essay, and two (2) letters of recommendation 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 Essay
  - Consideration will be given to those with demonstrated need
  - Awardees will be notified in March 2020

**Conditions of Scholarship**

- The scholarship recipient will be eligible to receive her scholarship for a designated Girl Scout travel experience.
- Girl Scouts of North East Ohio will make the disbursement directly to the designated Girl Scout troop/group in the name of the awardee. Disbursement will be made upon confirmation from the travelling troop/group of the awardee’s registration for designated trip for which the funds will be used.
Name of Applicant ____________________________________________________________

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Please attach answers to the following questions:

1. Describe your involvement in Girl Scouting. Include Council-level activities, awards received, and leadership roles you may have had.

2. List all other extracurricular activities, dates, and leadership positions held. Include any volunteerism completed.

3. Describe how you were involved in determining the Girl Scout trip, the trip itinerary and the trip budget. What did you learn through this process?

4. List other fundraising and money earning activities performed working towards this trip. (Girls must demonstrate that they have earned a portion of the trip fees.)

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

ESSAY: Travelling can be a life changing experience! Using your imagination and previous travel experience, please attach a 500-word essay that describes 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.

Applicant Signature ___________________________________________ Date __________

Parent/Guardian Signature ________________________________ Date __________

Susan Allen was a long time Girl Scout and Leader in Brook Park and Berea and co-founded an International Travel Group in 1991. Her interest in travelling domestically and internationally developed in the 1980’s and blossomed with the first international trip with Senior Girl Scouts in 1994. She was inspired by this 7-country, 15-day trip, to obtain her MBA at Baldwin-Wallace College with an emphasis in international business. She continued to volunteer with Girl Scouts while earning her MBA. As a volunteer, she travelled with groups to Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Susan passed away from breast cancer in 2005. This memorial fund was organized by family and friends to honor her memory.