

Central Westmoreland Service Unit of Girl Scouts Western PA

2018 – 2019 Programming & Activities Grant Application

Throughout the 2018-2019 Girl Scout year, the Central Westmoreland Service Unit is offering a one-time programming and activities grant to each troop registered under the Central Westmoreland Service Unit in the amount of \$10.00 per girl. The awarded money must be used for the girls within the troop to participate in a troop, service unit, or council-sponsored program or a program sponsored by an outside organization held between November 1, 2018 and August 15, 2019. Additionally, the program or activity must support and/or relate to one of the keys of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience, according to [Transforming Leadership: Focusing on Outcomes of the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience](#)¹, focuses on three “keys” to leadership (p. 11).

1. **Discover** – Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.
2. **Connect** – Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.
3. **Take Action** – Girls act to make the world a better place.

Qualifications

- Troop must be registered under the Central Westmoreland Service Unit.
- There must be at least two registered and approved adult volunteers serving in a leadership capacity.
- Troop must have submitted an Annual Finance Report to Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania for the 2017-2018 Girl Scout year.
- Troop leader must submit a complete grant application to Debbie Massafra.
- The program or activity must support at least one of the three keys of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (Discover, Connect, or Take Action).
- Program or Activity Must be Open to All Girls within the Troop².

Process

One grant application per troop can be submitted to Debbie Massafra via email (dbmassafra@gmail.com) between October 15, 2018 and May 1, 2019. Grant applications will not be accepted after May 1, 2019.

¹ Additional information pertaining to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience can be found in this report created by Girl Scouts USA: https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/about-girl-scouts/research/transforming_leadership.pdf

² Multi-level troops may wish to apply for one grant but use the funds for multiple programs to suit the needs of the various levels within the troop. For example, a troop with Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors, may wish to apply for one grant but participate in three separate programs – one for the Daisies, one for the Brownies, and one for the Juniors. The desire to do so must be stated within the grant application.

To apply for the grant, troop leaders should include the following in an email to Debbie Massafra:

- Troop Number
- Troop Level(s)
- Name of the Troop Leader
- Email Address of the Troop Leader
- Phone Number for the Troop Leader
- Number of Girls Currently Registered to the Troop (Debbie will verify this number with the bi-weekly Service Unit Roster emailed to Chrissy Schaeffer). Money will only be awarded for girls registered to the troop at the time of the application.
- Total Amount Requesting
- Name of the Program or Activity the Money is Being Requested For
- Date(s) of the Program or Activity
- An Explanation of How the Program Supports at Least One of Keys of the GSLE (Discover, Connect, and/or Take Action)
- A Budget Specific to this Program or Activity (include all funds that will be used such as grant funds, troop funds, family contributions, etc., a breakdown of all expenses, etc.)
- Date of When Funds Will be Needed By (please allow at least three weeks for application review and processing)

Upon review of the troop's grant application, Debbie has the right to request further information and/or documentation before approving the grant.

Additionally, Debbie reserves the right to deny grant applications due to insufficient information and/or lack of connection to at least one of the three keys of the GSLE. If a grant application is denied, Debbie will provide a detailed explanation for the denial. Upon denial, troops may choose to provide clarifying information and/or apply for a different program or activity.

Each troop awarded a grant must provide a final budget for the program or activity detailing exactly how the grant money was utilized by September 1, 2018. Troops failing to do so will be required to reimburse the Central Westmoreland Service Unit the full amount of the grant their troop was awarded.