

The Thelma Banks Cox Academic Achievement Award

INFORMATION

What is the T. Banks Cox Endowment?

The late Dr. Thelma Banks Cox had established an endowment to GSCM for use as a cash award to promote academic excellence and to reinforce team spirit within Girl Scout troops/groups. Dr. Cox was the first African American president of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. Her donation was made one year prior to her death on March 2, 1992.

What Is the Intent of the Award?

The scholarship fund is intended to motivate individual girls, as well as troops, to strive for high academic achievement at the beginning of each year.

Dr. Cox's belief was that learning is not only an individual effort but a cooperative one, and that girls in Girl Scouting can act as catalysts to help each other achieve academically. Girls may engage in teamwork such as tutoring each other, discussing literature, working on mathematics and science projects together, sharing of current news articles and other activities that will foster team learning and cooperative achievement.

Who is eligible for the award and the amount:

- A Cadette Girl Scout - \$50.00
- A Senior/Ambassador Girl Scout -\$50.00
- A Cadette Girl Scout Troop/Group - \$100.00
- A Senior/Amb. Girl Scout Troop/Group - \$100.00

How to receive applications:

Mail attached Request for Application form or visit or call the Volunteer Resource Center at the Girl Scout Service Center.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

For Individual Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Applicant:

- You must be an active, registered Girl Scout Cadette, Senior or Amb.
- You must live in Baltimore City and attend Baltimore City public schools.
- You must provide copy of official school record to leader/adviser to verify first semester Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Application must have the following three signatures:
 - principal or counselor
 - parent or guardian
 - troop leader or adviser
- Application must be postmarked by March 1.

The following criteria will be used to select individual candidates for the award:

- First semester GPA equals a weight of 40 %.
- Service project of an academic nature to help someone or a group equals the weight of 50%
- An interview with the awards committee equals the weight of 10%.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES CONT.

**For Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Troop or Group Applicants*

- Members of the troop or group must be active, registered Girl Scout Cadette, Senior or Ambassador.
- Members of the troop/group must be registered in Baltimore City and

- attend Baltimore City public schools.
- Each girl in troop/group must provide official school record of first semester Grade Point Average (GPA) to leader/adviser.
- Leader/adviser must total combined Grade Point Average of all girls in the troop/group for the first semester of school.
- Leader/adviser must complete, sign and mail application to the Girl Scout Service Center postmarked by March 1.

**If there are fewer than five girls in a troop or group, each girl must apply individually.*

The following criteria will be used to select the troop/group for the award:

- Total combined first semester grades equals the weight of 40%.
- A service project of an academic nature to help someone or a group equals the weight of 60%.



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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

π Troop/Group Application π Individual Girl Application
Name

Mailing Address

Street City State Zip
 Phone Number(s) _____ (E) _____ (D) _____
 Girl Scout Group/Troop # _____ Check One: Cadette Girl Scout π Senior Girl Scout π

Mail this form to: Thelma Banks Cox Academic Achievement Award, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215 Attention: Volunteer Resource Center