



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS Seeking High School Girl Scouts to Serve as a Shadow Girls

Dear Girl Scout Parent,

We invite your Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout to apply for one of five spots as a Shadow Girl as part of our annual Distinguished Women Awards. Through the Distinguished Women Shadow program, we offer high school Girl Scouts the chance to explore career interests and learn more about the female leadership experience.

The 40th annual Distinguished Women Awards will take place Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at The Center Club. Through this annual signature fundraiser, we honor six successful women from across central Maryland and provide five Girl Scouts the opportunity to shadow them for a day. As a Distinguished Women Shadow Girl, your daughter will spend the day with one of the Honorees, experience first-hand a typical day in her professional role, and learn more about how she navigated her career. The Distinguished Women Honorees and Shadow Girls will share their experiences at the event on April 22, 2020.

Over the years, many Distinguished Women Honorees and Shadow Girls have developed long-term mentor-mentee relationships, providing girls with a source of support as they navigate college and careers. Former Shadow Girls are now pursuing careers in medicine, law, and marketing, and value the experience they had through this program.

"While I am not thinking of going into law at this moment, I will always keep an open mind to any career path...You never know where life may take you." – 2018 Shadow Girl

We encourage all high school-aged Girl Scouts to apply for this extraordinary opportunity!

If your daughter wishes to apply, please note:

- Shadow Girl Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed by January 6, 2020.
- A committee of GSCM board members and staff will review all applications and invite ten girls to interview in person.
- Interviews will be conducted January 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the GSCM Program & STEM Center, 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore.
- An application is enclosed and is also available online at www.gscm.org/dw.
- The Distinguished Women Awards will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at The Center Club in Baltimore. Shadow Girls will need to arrive at 4:30 p.m.
- Rehearsal and photoshoot for Honorees and Shadow Girls is Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Kim Becker Cooper, Director of Annual Giving, at kbeckercooper@gscm.org.



Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.



Distinguished Women Shadow Girl Application 2020

Part 1: Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
 School _____
 Address _____ School Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 County _____ Principal _____
 Home Phone _____ Troop _____
 Cell Phone _____ Service Unit _____
 E-mail _____ Years in Girl Scouts _____

Part 2: Please read the following statements and check yes (Y) or no (N) honestly. Be sure to look at your school calendar and any other commitments you have before answering.

Y N I can attend the Distinguished Women Awards on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at The Center Club.

Y N I can be interviewed as a Shadow Girl applicant on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (4806 Seton Drive).

Y N If selected, I can schedule a day off from school in February/March 2020 to shadow a Distinguished Woman Honoree. (We will provide a letter for your principal requesting an excused absence).

Y N I am comfortable speaking in front of a large crowd (400 people) in order to read my prepared speech about my shadowing experience and introduce my Honoree.

Y N I can attend the rehearsal and photoshoot on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at The Center Club.

Y N I have a complete Girl Scout uniform including scarf.

Part 3: Essay Question:

I should be a Distinguished Women Shadow Girl because _____.
 Your essay should include what you hope to gain from the experience and why Girl Scouting is important to you. The essay should be typed and no more than 500 words.

Part 4: Photo

Please attach a current school photo of yourself.

- Yes, I earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award.
- Yes, I earned the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- Yes, I earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- I am currently working on my Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

Part 5:

Send your **completed form, essay and photo to:**

Kim Becker Cooper

Girl Scouts of
 Central Maryland
 4806 Seton Drive
 Baltimore, MD 21215
 kbeckercooper@gscm.org

Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than **January 6, 2020.**

Interviews will be held **January 26, 2020** at Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (4806 Seton Drive).