



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

Dear Girl Scout Parent,

We invite your Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout to apply for one of six 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 39th annual Distinguished Women Awards will take place Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at The Center Club. Through this annual signature fundraiser we honor five successful women from across central Maryland and provide five Girl Scouts the opportunity to shadow them for a day. This year, we will have an honorary Distinguished Woman so six lucky girls will have the opportunity to participate! As a Distinguished Women Shadow Girl, your daughter will spend the day with one of the Honorees and 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 17, 2019.

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 11, 2019**.
- Interviews will be conducted January 26, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 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 17, 2019, 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 16, 2019, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- The 2019 Honorees are:
 - Regina Curry, Chief Diversity Officer, Legg Mason
 - Tere Geckle, Community Philanthropist
 - Marian Hwang, Principal, Miles & Stockbridge
 - Dr. Carole Miller, Cancer Institute Director, St. Agnes Healthcare
 - Alicia Wilson, Senior Vice President & Senior Legal Counsel, Sagamore Development
- *Honorary Distinguished Woman: Frances Hesselbein, Former CEO, GSUSA, Chairman, The Frances Hesselbein Leadership Forum – one lucky Shadow Girl will be paired with Ms. Hesselbein and will spend the day with her in New York City!*

For more information, please contact Kristi S. Halford, Chief Development Officer, at khalford@gscm.org, or Emma Williams, Development Associate, at ewilliams@gscm.org.

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





Distinguished Women Shadow Girl Application 2019

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 17, 2019 at The Center Club.
- Y N I can be interviewed as a Shadow Girl applicant on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (4806 Seton Drive).
- Y N If selected, I can schedule a day off from school in February/March 2019 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 16, 2019, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at The Center Club.
- Y N I have a complete Girl Scout uniform including scarf.

- 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 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

Part 5:

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

Emma Williams

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
 4806 Seton Drive
 Baltimore, MD 21215

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