



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Seeking High School Girl Scouts to
Serve as Shadow Girls to Distinguished Women

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 41st annual Distinguished Women Awards will take place virtually, Thursday, July 22, 2021. 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. 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. It is our intention to adhere to all safety procedures related to COVID guidelines. All sessions will be conducted virtually. The Distinguished Women Honorees and Shadow Girls will share their experiences at the event on July 22, 2021.

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 April 1, 2021.**

*A committee of GSCM board members and staff will review all applications and invite ten girls to interview in person.

*Interviews will be conducted April 19th or 20th, 2021, between 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm via Zoom Conference.

*An application is enclosed and is also available online at www.gscm.org/dw.

*The Distinguished Women Awards will be held Thursday, July 22, 2021, 6:30-8:00 pm. Shadow Girls will need to log on at 6:00pm on the 22nd.

*Rehearsal and photoshoot for Honorees and Shadow Girls may be scheduled, observing safe distancing, on Tuesday, May 10, 2021, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at GSCM, Program & Stem Center, 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD.

For more information, please contact Jackie Thomas-Suggs, Chief Development Officer, at jthomas-suggs@gscm.org.

Distinguished Women Shadow Girl Application

Part 1

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

County _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

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

Y N I can participate in the Distinguished Women Awards on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Y N

Y N I can be interviewed virtually as a Shadow Girl applicant.

Y N

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

Y N

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

Y N

Y N I can attend the rehearsal and photo shoot on Tuesday, May 10, 2021, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at GSCM Program & Stem Center, 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD.

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.

Age _____	Grade _____
School _____	
Principal _____	
Troop # _____	
Service Unit _____	
Years in Girl Scouts _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I earned the Girl Scout Silver Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I earned the Girl Scout Gold Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am working on my Girl Scout Gold Award project

Part 4

Photo

Please attach a current school photo of yourself.

Part 5

Send your completed form, essay and photo to:

Jackie Thomas-Suggs
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
4806 Seton Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215
jthomas-suggs@gscm.org

Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than

April 1, 2021.

Interviews will be held March 17th or 18, 2021 at Girl Scouts of Central Maryland headquarters (4806 Seton Drive).