



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Seeking 10th-12th grade High School Girl Scouts to serve as Shadow Girls to Distinguished Women Honorees

Dear Girl Scout Parents,

We invite your Senior (10th grade) or Ambassador Girl Scout to apply for one of five spots as a Shadow Girl as part of our annual Distinguished Women Awards celebration taking place at Preston Hall in Baltimore City. 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 45th annual Distinguished Women Awards will take place Wednesday, November 5, 2025. Through this annual fundraiser, we honor five successful women from across central Maryland and provide five high school age 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 November 5, 2025.

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 currently pursuing careers in medicine, law, and marketing, value the experience they had through this program. *"I attended a legal advisory council meeting and even a trial hearing! I gained insight into how law connects with the medical field, which excites me because I want to go into medicine."*--Jenna Resnik, 2020 Shadow Girl

We encourage all high school-aged Girl Scouts in 10th grade and above to apply for this extraordinary opportunity!

If your Girl Scout wishes to apply, please note:

***Shadow Girl Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed by August 23, 2025.**

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

*Interviews will be conducted September 6, 2025 via Zoom. You will receive an email with your interview time.

*An application is enclosed and is also available online at: gscm.info/DW2025

*The Distinguished Women Awards will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 5:30-8:30 pm. Shadow Girls will need to arrive at 5:00pm.

*Rehearsal and photo shoot for Honorees and Shadow Girls will take place Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm at GSCM Headquarters, 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD.

For more information, please contact Benjamin Trently, Chief Development Officer, at btrently@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 attend the Distinguished Women Awards on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 and arrive by 5:00pm

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 (300 people) in order to read my prepared speech about my shadow experience and introduce my Honoree.

Y N

Y I can attend the rehearsal and photo shoot on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at GSCM Headquarters located at 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 how it connects to your Girl Scout experiences. The essay should be typed and be 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:

Benjamin Trently
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
4806 Seton Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215 or email to:
jtrently@gscm.org

Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than August 23, 2025

Interviews will be held September 6th via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent once all applications have been received and reviewed.