



NEW GUIDELINES

What is the Girl Opportunity Fund?

The Girl Opportunity Fund, which pays for membership dues and programs for girls (no adults) who can not afford Girl Scouting, is funded by cookie proceeds. The limited funds can be accessed by leaders or parents. This fund is based on need and financial information supplied from parents. Parent(s) complete the financial information and the troop leader completes the reference portion of the form. Make sure that requests are based on NEED only.

Why are funds limited?

We have always taken pride in the fact that our Council was fortunate to have enough money from the Cookie Program to adequately fund a Girl Opportunity Fund. We are saddened to say that it is necessary this year to limit Girl Op Funds due to a decrease of sales from the 2008 Cookie Program. We had over 300 fewer girls participate in the sale and it reduced the income by \$100,000. Hopefully in 2009 we will have a tremendous Cookie Program and it will enable us to replenish our Girl Op Fund.

Membership Fee Girl Op

A parent of a Juliette or the leader of a troop with a girl who can not afford the \$10 membership fee only needs to attach a note to the registration form requesting Girl Op for that girl. **Membership fees will be given priority over merchandise.**

Program Girl Op

These funds will be limited. Most programs will require the parents to make a partial payment of event fees. For example, if the event fee is \$15, the parent will be asked to pay \$7.50. If program is a couple's event, we will only pay up to 1/2 of the fee. We do not give Girl Op to adults. The amount to be paid will be based on financial information supplied by the parent and the availability of funds.

See Forms section (or download online at www.mbgsc.org) for a Girl Op form that can be used for program event fees for girls who can not afford an event. This two-sided form must be received prior to the first event deadline (Girl Op funds will not pay for late fees).

Merchandise Girl Op

Limited funds. Merchandise will be limited to a sash, council ID strip, and numbers. If a leader has a girl who needs a sash, she may submit a letter or email to Carlene Brady requesting the items. The letter must include the girl's name, level, troop number, and sash size. Leaders will be notified when merchandise is ready for pickup. Form not required for merchandise only. **A three-day notice is required.**

How do I know if the request is approved?

You will receive a phone call or email.

Submit to:

Carlene Brady, Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council
P.O. Box 15969, Chattanooga, TN 37415
or by email at cbrady@mbgsc.org.



How to Apply for Girl Opportunity

Money is available for registered girl members who need financial assistance to participate in Girl Scout program activities.

Only completed applications will be considered. Parents must complete the financial information and the troop leader completes the reference form.

This application must be received in this office prior to the early event deadline and must be completed in its entirety. An incomplete application will not be considered. Be sure to include a reference statement.

If approved, this form can be used for up to five events (excluding trips) in the current membership year.



Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council
P.O. Box 15969
Chattanooga, TN 37415
Fax 423-877-5587

**APPLICATION**

Parent/Guardian

Girl Scout

Address

*City**State**Zip*

*Phone (H)**Phone (W)*

*Email**Program Level: _Daisy _Br _Jr _Cad _Sr _Amb**Individually Registered Member: Yes No*

*Leader**Troop/Group #*

*Phone**Cell Phone*

The Girl Opportunity Application must be received in the Council office by the early event registration deadline.

Applications cannot be considered without this Reference Statement.

The Reference Statement should be from an unrelated adult who can verify need.

Please mail to the address below:



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**REFERENCE****for Girl Opportunity
for a Registered Girl****Please Print****To be completed by/for applicant**

*Applicant's Name**Age*

Address

*City**State**Zip***(OVER)**

**APPLICATION for Girl Opportunity
for a Registered Girl**
In what Girl Scout programs have you taken part?

Have you participated in both council product sales?
 ___ Yes ___ No *If no, why not?*

Why are you requesting Girl Opportunity?

*Occupation of father/guardian and/or mother/guardian
(both if applicable):*

How many are supported by the family income? _____
Please check your yearly family income range:

- \$0-\$15,000
 \$15,001-\$25,000
 \$25,001-\$35,000
 \$35,001-\$45,000
 \$45,001-\$60,000
 \$60,000+

OFFICE USE ONLY

	Event #	Amount	Date
#1	_____	\$ _____	_____
#2	_____	\$ _____	_____
#3	_____	\$ _____	_____
#4	_____	\$ _____	_____
#5	_____	\$ _____	_____

 Approved Not Approved

**REFERENCE for Girl Opportunity
for a Registered Girl**

Please describe applicant's need for financial assistance. Additional comments welcome.

What is your relationship to the applicant?

Signature *Date*

Address

City *State* *Zip*

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Home Phone *Work Phone*