



Girl Scout 2014 destinations Application Form Instructions

Here's the first step to an adventure of a lifetime!

Use the application form for all national and international destinations that require an application. (The destinations that are "Getaways" have their own registration forms and timelines.)

Instructions:

1. Type or print clearly using black ink. Continue questions on a new page if your answers are longer than the space provided. Clearly label the additions.
2. Fill out the application completely. **Make a photocopy for yourself.**
3. Make sure you, your parent/guardian, and a staff person from your Girl Scout council signs the last page.
4. Send or take your completed applications to your **Girl Scout council** by your council's deadline. Take a look at the [destinations timeline](#) on the destinations website. There is an "early" and "late" application deadline. If you miss the "early" application deadline, your application will be placed with the "late" applications.

If you are a member of USA Girl Scout Overseas, please send your completed application to overseas@girlscouts.org by November 21, 2013. Second round applications are due by January 31, 2014.

5. While you can use the same short answers and same references for each event you apply for, you need to write a separate essay for each event. You can apply for up to 4 (FOUR) destinations.
6. Please write your *essays* on separate pages, using one page per essay.
7. Be sure to put your name and the event name on the top of each page of your application.

Happy Traveling!

Name:	
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Girl Scout 2014 destinations Application Form for National and International Events

Event Choice: International or National Event:

(You need to complete **ONE** application for each event you are applying to. **You can apply for up to 4 events.**)

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Event Sponsor:

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Applicant Information:

Name:		Telephone:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
E-mail:		Parent/Guardian e-mail:	
Your birth date:	Age at time of June 1, 2014:	Present school grade:	
Girl Scout council name:		Council phone#:	
Girl Scout council address:			
Girl Scout council contact name:		Council contact email:	

References Information:

Please **PRINT/TYPE** the names and information of the two adults you have asked to submit references for you. Consider someone from your council office, a teacher, a sports coach, or a member of your place of worship. **Be sure to give these adults the "2014 destinations Reference Form."**

1.	Name:		Relationship:	
	Address:			
	Telephone:		E-mail:	
2.	Name:		Relationship:	
	Address:			
	Telephone:		E-mail:	

Racial/Ethnic breakdown:

In order to monitor and promote the participation rates of girls from various racial and cultural backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. You are not required to respond. The information will be used for monitoring purposes exclusively and will have no influence on the selection process.

- American Indian
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Black
 White
 Are you also of Hispanic origin?

Name:	
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Part 1: Essay

Please describe why you want to participate in the event that you have chosen. Be specific about what knowledge and skills you would bring to each event and what you would like to bring home! Don't forget to describe any special skills you have related to the event, like camping or community service, or why you're excited about trying out something new. **Use separate paper for your essay.** Remember to put your name and the event name on each page you submit.

Part 2: Short Answer Questions

1. Have you ever been away from your family overnight? Yes No
 If yes, briefly describe length of time, where, when, and with whom. If no, please describe why you are ready for this trip away from home now?

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2. Briefly describe your two most meaningful experiences away from home without your family.

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3. Make a list of what activities (sports, clubs, or other activities) you do outside of school.

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

4. Have you previously attended a nationwide or international travel opportunity in Girl Scouting? If yes, which one(s)?

Events(s)	Date(s)

5. Have you previously applied for any Girl Scout travel opportunity with nationwide participation or an international event in Girl Scouting and not been chosen? (If yes, list event name(s) and year(s))

Yes No

Events(s)	Date(s)

Name: _____

Part 3. Skills Inventory:

1. Languages: Tell us what language(s) you speak in addition to English and level of fluency.

BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED

2. Camping/Outdoor Skills: Please check off the areas from this list that you have had experience in:

- Hiking
- Orienteering
- Outdoor Survival or primitive camping (roughing it!)
- Outdoor Cooking and Meal Planning
- Day camp
- Resident camp
- Ecology/Nature Studies
- Tents (care & use)
- Backpacking
- Other (Describe)

Other: _____

Part 4: Signatures (Please verify page 1 contact information.)

1. Applicant Understanding:

I have read the event descriptions and feel I am able to participate in the events I selected. If I am selected, I have definite intentions of attending the event and plan to accept participation.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Parent/Guardian permission:

I have read the destinations descriptions to which my daughter is applying. To the best of my knowledge _____ has a clear understanding of the event(s) she has applied for, and if selected, she has my permission to participate.

I grant Girl Scouts of the USA permission to share her e-mail address with other Girl Scout participants.

Yes No

NOTE: Girl Scouts of the USA wants to provide a pleasant and enjoyable experience for every destinations participant. Girl Scout destinations require mental and/or physical agility. If your child is a person with a disability and may need accommodations or further information please contact: destinations@girlscouts.org.

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

3a. For United States Girl Scouts Overseas: I verify that the applicant is a member of:

Location code: _____ Registration area: _____

USAGSO signature: _____ Date: _____

3b. Girl Scout Council verification: I verify that the above-named applicant is a registered member of:

Council authorized signature: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____



Girl Scout 2014 destinations Reference Form

Part I: To be completed by applicant.

Applicant's name:					
Name of Girl Scout council:					
Council address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	

I would appreciate it if you would complete this form and return it to the council address above by _____ (insert deadline date from your council).

Attached are the descriptions of the events I would like to attend. (Girls: print descriptions from www.girlscouts.org/destinations.) Please attest to your knowledge of my abilities and interests related to these events.

1.		3.	
2.		4.	

Part II: To be completed by person giving the reference.

Your name:		
How long have you known the applicant?		
What is your relationship to the applicant?		

1. Check one rating in each category to assess the following qualities of the applicant.

	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
Is dependable and responsible						Is able to relate well to adults					
Is able to share ideas and feelings						Is physically fit					
Is able to relate well to peers						Is able to work well in a group					
Has poise in meeting people						Is adaptable and flexible					
Accepts differences in people						Shows humor and spontaneity					

Note: 1 = Don't Know; 2 = Below Average; 3 = Average; 4 = Above Average; 5=Excellent

Applicant Name:	
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2. Describe the applicant's special strengths and/or skills that would enable her to enjoy and succeed in the event(s) of her choice. Please give specific examples. If more space is needed use additional sheets.

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Printed name:					
Signature:					
Position:		Date:			
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
E-mail:		Telephone #:			

Reference for destinations page 2—Please return to council named on page when completed.