

Girl Scout Finances 101

Remember, Girl Scout funds are girl-earned and girl-spent. How the funds are used is a decision made by the entire troop and/or Overseas Committee Management Team, not just the leaders, parents, or a few select girls from the troop. It is also important to know that troop funds belong to the entire troop and cannot be earmarked for individual girl use.

How TO spend Girl Scout Money

- ✔ Anything that delivers on the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Ask yourself... Does this help girls discover, connect, or take action?
- ✔ 2021 Membership Renewals (aka Early Bird!)
- ✔ Uniform components
- ✔ Resources to help girls continue to Girl Scout at home – Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting, Journeys, Patches, Badges, Journey Awards
- ✔ Supplies for your Girl Scout hut that everyone will benefit from when in-person meetings and events resume
- ✔ Create a scholarship fund to support Highest Award projects and/or girl travel.
- ✔ Large community service project
- ✔ If many of the girls are returning to the same troop next year, allow the Troop to roll-over funds.
- ✔ Commemorative or OC T-Shirts
 - ▽ “Andrà tutto bene” with a rainbow, seen throughout Italy during this quarantine
 - ▽ “Cookies make the perfect quarantine snack.”
 - ▽ USAGSO-Community Name with Girl Scout Trefoil, Promise & Law, etc. (contact overseascustomer@girlscouts.org for a list of vendors approved to use Girl Scout trademarks)
- ✔ Earmark a portion of the funds to host a large community-wide event or program to celebrate when in-person, group gatherings can resume

How NOT to spend Girl Scout Money

- ✘ Anything benefiting an individual member
- ✘ Anything that does not contribute to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- ✘ Political parties and/or other non-profits (with a few exceptions)

As the girls begin to spend their troop’s funds, you or the volunteer responsible for the troop finances has a responsibility to keep track of the receipts and expenses. All income and expenses must be reported annually to USAGSO. Troop Leaders must submit a Troop Year-End Financial Report to your OCMT by early summer, and OCMT's will submit your report to USAGSO. Girl Scout Troop Leaders should also report out to troop parents about finances at least three times per year and to your OCMT upon request.