

## Gold Award & Money Earning

Girl Scouts who are earning their Gold Award may need to earn or solicit money in order to fund part of their Gold Award project. Here we outline the ways in which a Girl Scout earning her Gold Award may acquire funds for her project. Please keep in mind, all funds must be used to purchase items or services to support a project. Funds may NOT be raised with the intention of donating these funds directly to another organization (aka. Fundraising for an organization). For additional information, please feel free to email [overseashighestawards@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseashighestawards@girlscouts.org).

### 1. Personal Funds

Girl Scouts may use personally earned money to support her Gold Award project. For example, a Girl Scout may use her income from babysitting or allowance money to purchase items for her project. Time spent earning personal funds cannot count towards her total Gold Award hours and cannot be included on her Gold Award time-log. Personally earned funds can be earned at any time before or during her project and do not require special permission from USAGSO or the Gold Award Committee.

*Please be sure to include your intention to use personal funds in your Gold Award project proposal, and record the total amount of personal funds used in your Gold Award Final Report.*

### 2. Troop Funds

Girl Scouts may use troop funds to purchase supplies and services for her Gold Award ONLY if her troop has agreed upon the use of these funds for her project. Troop funds can be earned at any time before or during her project and do not require special permission from USAGSO or the Gold Award Committee. Time spent earning troop funds cannot count towards the Girl Scout's Gold Award hours unless Troop money earning plans are included in the project proposal and pre-approved by the Gold Award committee.

*Please be sure to include your intention to use troop funds in your Gold Award project proposal, and record the total amount of troop funds used in your Gold Award Final Report.*

### 3. Solicited Monetary Donations (& Money Earning)

Starting in 2019, a Girl Scout earning her Gold Award may solicit monetary donations or conduct individual money earning activities to support her project. Girl Scouts must first request approval from the Gold Award committee by completing the Gold Award Fund Solicitation Request form and submitting as an attachment to her project proposal or by emailing [overseashighestawards@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseashighestawards@girlscouts.org). Funds may not be solicited until this request form is received and approved, and all solicited donations must be managed by the Girl Scout and recorded and shared in the Final Report. Time spent soliciting funds may be included on the Gold Award Time-log.

***Large monetary donations*** – Donations under \$250 may be received and held directly by the Girl Scout. For single donations of \$250 or more, the donation must be sent to USAGSO for IRS reporting before being sent to the Girl Scout. Single donations of \$250 or more must be sent to USAGSO by check or credit card payment (see below). Once received by USAGSO, the Girl Scout will be contacted to verify banking information so funds can be wired directly to the Girl Scout’s bank account of choice or transferred via paypal. USA Girl Scouts Overseas will absorb any transfer fees imposed by our financial institution, however, donations made via credit card will incur a small processing fee. Once donations are received by USAGSO, please allow up to 2 weeks for funds to be processed and transferred.

### Check

Please make the check out to USA Girl Scouts Overseas and *include the Girl Scout’s name on the subject line*. Mail checks to:

*(United States Address)*  
USA Girl Scouts Overseas  
PSC 705 Box 85  
APO, AP 96338

OR

*(Japanese Address)*  
USA Girl Scouts Overseas  
PSC 705 Box 85, Camp Zama  
Zama-shi, Kanagawa-ken  
252-8511 Japan

### Credit Card

Donations can be made via credit card by completing this [FORM](#). Please note that donations will incur a small processing fee.