

Betty G. Norris



Betty Grubb Norris, born in 1924, joined Girl Scouts as a leader in Charleston, West Virginia. She continued to be a leader when the family moved to Roanoke, Virginia.

She was staff at the 1962 Button Bay Roundup. Two of her daughters earned the Curved Bar, and two of her granddaughters earned the Gold Award. A philanthropic leader of Girl Scouting in the Virginia Skyline Council, Betty Norris' past donations have helped improve camp, programs and provide scholarships to troops. Understanding the importance for girls to achieve the highest award in Girl Scouts, Mrs. Norris has established this scholarship as an incentive for girls to reach their leadership potential by becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout.



"Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best." -Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scouts Founder

The Power of the Girl Scout Gold Award Excellence in Leadership and Life



The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor in Girl Scouting. Each year, the Gold Award is presented to girls who have planned and executed Take Action projects in response to pressing community needs nationwide and around the world. According to the Girl Scout Research Institute study *Girl Scouting Works: The Alumnae Impact Study (2012)*, Gold Award recipients reap greater benefit from their time and experiences in Girl Scouting than non-alumnae. Comparatively, these individuals display more positive life outcomes pertaining to sense of self, life satisfaction, leadership, life success, community service, and civic engagement. Gold Award girls represent our most successful and engaged—and happiest—Girl Scout alumnae.

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Betty G. Norris Gold Award Scholarship



A \$2,500 academic scholarship for one high school senior member of Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline who has earned the Gold Award or will have completed it before starting her post-secondary or vocational education. One scholarship awarded each year.

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Scholarship Purpose



The purposes for this scholarship are:

- To emphasize to the community that the Girl Scout Gold Award program is a valuable tool for empowering young women.
- To encourage girls to earn the Gold Award.
- To recognize the importance of building courage, confidence and character in leaders.
- To assist a Gold Award recipient with the cost of post-secondary or vocational education: college, trade/technical school, certifications or other career-path training.

First scholarship recipient: Caitlyn Whitesell



Scholarship Eligibility

One scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded each year based on dedication to Girl Scouts and scholastic aptitude. To be eligible the student applicant shall:

1

Be a senior in high school or home-school and plan to attend secondary education or trade school.

2

Be registered and active in Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council.

3

Have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award before or by Sept. 15 of your graduation year.

4

Have a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 3.0 or above.

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Submit an application and all requested documents.

Scholarship Application

Applications here: www.gsvsc.org/scholarships

Deadline: March 1 of each year

- All required documentation must be submitted with the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- An online scholarship form can be found on the GSVSC website. The form must be filled-out completely by the applicant.
- The following must be attached to the scholarship application:
 - A complete high school transcript including the first semester of the senior year.
 - A biographical statement of 500 words or less describing your educational background, work experience, career goals and your Girl Scout involvement.
 - A chronological listing of your high school leadership achievements, Girl Scout leadership achievements, Girl Scout recognitions and awards, other Girl Scout experience, and goals for future community involvement.
- Send the scholarship form and supporting documentation to: mhildebrand@gsvsc.org, attention: Gold Award Scholarship by March 1.
- Applications will not be considered after the deadline date.