



Girl Scouts®



2008 Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest Application

Eligibility requirements

- Girls must be registered Girl Scouts.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 17.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Essay Guidelines

- Selection for the Girl Scouts Global Citizen Essay Contest is based primarily on the sincerity, clarity and overall quality of thought demonstrated in your essay.
- Please type your essay on separate pieces of paper.
- Girls ages 12 to 14 should limit their responses to 400 words, and girls ages 15 to 17 should limit their responses to 500 words.
- Additional text, transcripts, letters of recommendation or any other supplementary material will not be considered.

Awards

- The twelve winners in the younger category will travel together on a 4-day, expenses-paid educational tour of Washington, D.C.
- The six winners in the older category will travel together on a 7-day, expenses-paid educational tour of Europe.
- The 4-day and 7-day tours will take place between July 23 and August 7, 2008.
- Awards include round-trip airfare, transportation, hotels, breakfast, and dinner.

2008 Essay Topic

Ages 12 to 14: Describe a Girl Scout experience that has inspired you to become a global citizen.

Ages 15 to 17: Describe a cross-cultural experience you have had as a Girl Scout and how it has inspired you to take action to make the world a better place.

global citizen: a person who understands and appreciates cultural differences, and strives to instill this value in others.



"An experience in Girl Scouting holds the power to change us. From one of those experiences, we learn that Girl Scouting is an opportunity to hang out with friends and have a good time, but it's also an opportunity to learn about the world and what it has to offer us."

Ashleigh, 14, GA
2007 Girl Scout Global Citizen winner

Instructions

Applications should be typed or printed clearly.

1. Staple your typed essay to the application form.
All pages must measure 8 1/2" x 11".
2. DO NOT use report covers or folders.
3. INCLUDE your name, address, troop name, council and age on **each page** of your essay.
4. DO keep copies of your submissions. Application forms and essays will not be returned.
5. DO NOT fax your application—it will not be accepted.
6. DO fill in all requested information. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. Sign the application.
8. If submitting the application and essay electronically, please attach as an MS Word document.

Postmark Deadline:

Applications and essays must be postmarked by March 31, 2008, and sent to:

Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest
Global Girl Scouting
420 Fifth Avenue, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10018

Or, submit your essay online at:

gsglobalcitizen@girlscouts.org

Good luck and thank you for your participation.



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Girl Scout information

Name

Date of birth

Mailing address

City State Zip Code Country

Home telephone Email

Council Overseas Committee

Troop Leader/Council Staff Person Girl Scout Council Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Telephone Email

Applicant's agreement

I affirm that my entry submitted in this application for the Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest is my own work, and that all information provided in this application is true and accurate. I give Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and EF Educational Tours permission to use my essay for publication and/or promotional purposes.

If I am chosen for the awards, I agree

- that I will be able to travel from July 23 to August 7th, 2008; if this is no longer the case, I will notify EF Educational Tours immediately so the award may be given to another deserving applicant.
- that unforeseen circumstances may call for travel modifications in the tour itinerary.

I also agree

- to inform Girl Scouts and EF of any health condition that may affect my travels.
- to stay with the group while traveling and to attend all scheduled activities.
- to make myself available, if invited, for media interviews at home or abroad.
- to permit Girl Scouts and EF to utilize my name, likeness, submitted materials and information in whatever manner they deem fit.

Signature of applicant Date

Signature of parent or guardian Date