

Girl Scouts Destinations - D-Pass Grant

The D-Pass is a competitive grant, awarded by GSUSA to support girl travel on GSUSA Destinations, with a focus on girls in need. The grant financially supports girls who otherwise would not be able to attend a Destination and helps to ensure diverse representation in Destinations. Funded by several trusts earmarked for Destinations and travel, the D-Pass grant supports 150-200 girls each year – about a third of Destinations participants.

How D-Pass Works

- Councils apply to GSUSA annually in **Spring** (competitive process based on limited funding).
- GSUSA awards councils between \$750 - \$4,000 (maximum).
- Awards are made in **late Spring** to support Girl Scouts **applying the following membership year** (Destinations applications open August 1st each year).
- Councils award funds to girls for Destinations travel.
- Councils collect reporting materials from girls after travel and send to GSUSA.

Selection Criteria

GSUSA conducts a formal review process. Councils will be awarded grants based on the following criteria:

- *Destinations Participation*: Preference is given to councils that present a plan for growing Destinations or other travel participation through promotion, recruitment and retention strategies and/or financial support for travel.
- *Participant Engagement*: Strong consideration will be given to councils demonstrating innovative ways to reach and engage girls who would not otherwise be able to travel.

Guidelines

- Funding can only be used for Destinations (cannot be used for Getaways, troop travel, travel to National Council Session/Convention, or for any other council-sponsored trips).
- Funding should be awarded based on “demonstrated need”, as defined by the council.
- Councils determine the amount to award each girl, balancing the intention to make a genuine impact on each girl’s ability to travel, with an aim to assist as many girls as possible.
- Each girl awarded should also demonstrate a willingness to contribute through participation in money-earning (product sales, money-earning, or personal money-earning).
- NOTE: Girls in need often require extra support and preparation for travel. Councils must ensure each girl, and her caregiver(s), are prepared for her Destinations experience.

Reporting Requirements

- An Agreement Form will be emailed by GSUSA upon award to be signed by Council CEO.
- A reporting spreadsheet, detailing the number of girls awarded and amount per girl.
- For each girl awarded, the council must collect and submit a “[D-Pass Grant Girl Response Form](#)” in September (extended to January 15th if the girl travels over the winter.)

2025/2026 Timeline

MARCH 7, 2024	D-Pass 2025 application available
MAY 1, 2024	2025 D-Pass applications due
JUNE 7	2025 Award notification
JUNE 21	2025 Agreement forms due to GSUSA
JULY 1	2025 Funds dispersed
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024	2024 D-Pass reporting deadline
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025	2025 D-Pass reporting deadline (all summer trips)
JANUARY 15, 2026	(Extension ONLY for councils with winter participants) – Final 2025 Report

[LINK TO 2025 APPLICATION](#) (see page 2 of this document for full list of questions)

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2025 D-Pass Application Questions

- Council name
- Contact information
- List the number of girls from your council who traveled on Destinations during 2023
- How many girls are currently enrolled to travel on Destinations in 2024?
- Was your council awarded MY24 D-Pass funding this past August, for Girl Scouts applying this year to travel summer 2024 or 2025?
 - If so, how much of your MY24 funding do you still have **UNALLOCATED** at this point in time? (We understand Girl Scouts are still applying).
- MY2025 D-Pass Request (\$750-\$4000)?
- If you received your grant request amount, how many girls would you expect to travel in 2025 on Destinations? (Or enroll in 2025 for a 2026 trip?)
- How do you plan to recruit for 2025 Destinations? Are you planning any new tactics?
- Does your council have the ability to offer financial support for girl travel on Destinations beyond the D-Pass grant? If so, please tell us more about your local funds and how your grants or scholarships work.
- How does your council reach out to girls who may not normally have access to travel opportunities to engage them in travel? (Include mention of any types of Girl Scout travel - Destinations or council or troop trips).
- Is there anything else you would like to add for consideration?
- *There is also one optional information-collection question about travel, that is not part of the application.*