

COUNCIL-WIDE WAY OF WORK #10
Approved by the Operating Committee
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Financial Guidelines for Graduating Girl Scout Ambassador Troops

When all girl members of a Girl Scout Ambassador troop graduate, care must be taken with the final expenditure of troop funds. All troop money is the property of the troop, not individual girls, and the troop should decide how to spend troop money prior to dissolving the troop and closing the troop bank account. All decisions concerning the disposition of troop funds should be made by the troop, not by the leaders to “surprise” the girls.

Depending on the amount of remaining troop funds after all outstanding charges are cleared, following are several options:

- Purchase a Lifetime Girl Scout Membership for each graduating Girl Scout Ambassador. If purchased for a currently registered girl member following high school graduation and prior to September of the same year, the cost of a lifetime membership is discounted.
- Donate a portion of troop funds to a nonprofit organization or an important cause that the troop wishes to support. Consider leaving a legacy to Girl Scouts by donating to a Council fund or program, such as a Council capital campaign, Gold Award scholarships, campership fund, Leadership for a Lifetime Annual Giving Campaign, etc. Donations may be made in honor of the troop or individual troop members. Check for donation information on the Council website at www.gssjc.org or complete the Leadership for a Lifetime form online or at any Girl Scout service center to make a donation or provide an honorarium. For further information or questions concerning donations, contact the GSSJC chief marketing and development officer.
- Provide scholarships for troop members to continue their education beyond high school, e.g. college, trade school, certification courses, etc. This money should be sent directly to the selected institute of higher learning, not to the graduate. *However, due to IRS regulations, any proceeds from additional troop money-earning activities (covered by F-32 Request for Permission to Undertake Money Earning Activity) may NOT be used for troop member scholarships.*
- Take advantage of the last year of girl membership to participate in Council-planned activities and/or events.
- Hold a troop “graduation” party and invite family and friends to celebrate. Purchase inexpensive individual gifts for the troop graduates and for others that the troop wishes to thank, or make a donation in honor of the troop or individual troop members.