

2011 National Young Women of Distinction Information for Applicants

Please review this information before completing the application on the following page.

1. **What is a National Young Woman of Distinction?** A National Young Woman of Distinction (NYWOD) is the designation, and a special honor, conferred by Girl Scouts of the USA on ten Girl Scout Gold Award recipients whose final projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge that related to a national and/or global issue.
2. **Who is eligible to apply for this honor?** Any Girl Scout who completed her Girl Scout Gold Award between **July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010.**
3. **How do I apply?** The application can be found on the following page. *Be sure to include all of the requested documents when you submit the completed application to your council.*
4. **What is the application deadline?** Girl Scouts of RI must receive your application by April 20, 2011.
5. **Where do I submit my application?** Applications MUST be submitted directly to your council or to your overseas committee chair. For GSRI, please address : Attention: Hlee Kue.
6. **What happens after I submit my application?** Each council is responsible for reviewing the applications they receive, and for selecting up to three nominees. Councils also are responsible for submitting their nominations to Girl Scouts of the USA. GSUSA and a panel of corporate and community leaders will choose ten Young Women of Distinction from the pool of nominees.
7. **What if I belong to USAGSO?** Overseas committee chairs will submit applications directly to USAGSO to select the nominees.
8. **When will the nominees be chosen?** Girl Scouts of RI will announce its nominee(s) prior to May 2, 2011.
9. **How many girls can each council/USAGSO nominate?** Each can nominate up to three girls.
10. **How will the National Young Women of Distinction be recognized?** Each NYWOD will receive a \$3,000 scholarship made possible by the generosity of the Ford Foundation and Kappa Delta. In addition, the NYWOD will be prominently and nationally recognized during the National Council Session/Convention in Houston, Texas, in November, 2011. *Travel, food and lodging will be paid by GSUSA.*
11. **Will they have any specific responsibilities?** ***All NYWOD are expected to attend the National Council Session/Convention in Houston, Texas, in November, 2011.*** They also will serve as consultants to Girl Scouts of the USA, and may be asked to participate in speaking engagements, surveys, webinars and/or other Girl Scout-related activities.
12. **Where can I find information on past Young Women of Distinction and their projects?** Click [here](#)

