



# GSRI GOLD AWARD YOUNG WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

## 2012 Girl Scouts Gold Award Recipients

### What is it?

Young Women of Distinction (YWOD) are chosen from among those Gold Award recipients whose final projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, addressed a local challenge that related to a national and/or global issue, and had a measurable and sustainable impact.

### Who can apply?

Any Girl Scout who completed her Girl Scout Gold Award between May 18, 2011 and April 13, 2012 is welcome to apply.

### How will the YWOD be recognized?

The YWOD will receive \$1000.00 scholarship. Two runners-up will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship. In addition, the YWOD will be prominently recognized in GSRI publications and at GSRI events during the year. Girls may be asked to speak at functions or to other girls about her project and experience. Each recipient will also participate in a video interview sharing her feelings and project. These videos will be shared at the Council Gold Award Ceremony on June 2, 2012.

### When is the application deadline?

Mailed directly to GSRI and received by council by Friday, April 20, 2012.

### How do I apply?

This application can be found at [www.gsri.org](http://www.gsri.org). All application questions must be answered completely. Every application must include a written reference from your project advisor or another adult that helped mentor you on your project, who can attest to the sustainability of the project. Relatives may NOT complete a reference.

### Who makes the decision?

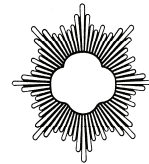
The 3 tier process that will involve GSRI staff, the Higher Awards Committee, former Gold Award recipients and community partners.

Sincerely,

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# Application for Young Women of Distinction

## I. General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Girl Scout Troop# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/College Year: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Gold Award project was completed –  
(project is “completed” when the Higher Awards Committee gives final approval): \_\_\_\_\_

I accept that if I was chosen for this award, I will be a girl voice representing Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Application Questions – All answers must be TYPED

1. How and why did you choose your project  
(explain how is it linked to a national and/or global issue)?
2. What was the community impact of your project?
3. What has your involvement with your project been since you completed your Gold Award project?

**NOTE:** Answer each question on a separate piece of paper. Each response should be no more than 150 words. Be sure every page includes (a) your name; (b) your project title; and (c) the question number.

## III. Application Checklist (Be sure to keep a copy of all documents submitted for your own records.)

For an application to be considered, it must include:

- Completed application form
- Answers to application questions
- Letter of recommendation (from outside Girl Scouting/family)

Thank you for applying for the Young Women of Distinction.

**IMPORTANT:** Your application must be mailed directly to Girl Scouts of RI, Inc. and received by council by Friday, April 20, 2012 .

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