

# 2017-2018 GSL ANNOUNCEMENT, REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTS

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Girls' Service League (GSL) Director of Educational Grants is pleased to announce the 2017-2018 Grant Application Process for scholarships specifically for women wanting to start or finish their undergraduate degree. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$1000, which will be distributed starting fall 2017 semester. These scholarships are part of the Girls' Service League's initiative "Women Empowering Women Through Higher Education."

**NEW** (to be considered you must return a Letter of Intent)

This year, we are adding another document to the application process and that is a Letter of Intent. This allows us to see who is applying for a GSL grant and the amount of participation in each county we serve. Please [click here](#) to open the Letter of Intent, complete the short form and attach it an e-mail addressed to [girlsserviceleague@att.net](mailto:girlsserviceleague@att.net). Send the e-mail as soon as possible and you will receive an email welcoming you to the GSL application process.

(Please carefully read all instructions and attached documents)

## REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility requirements for applicants

1. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen with legal residency in Johnson, Parker or Tarrant County, Texas for a period of at least one (1) year prior to filing this application
2. Applicant must be attending or applying for acceptance to an accredited Texas college
3. Applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate degree (AA, AS, BA or BS degree) at a college or university within the State of Texas (GSL does not provide funding for technical or vocational schools).

There are separate eligibility requirements for high school seniors, college students and women seeking to advance their education:

- High School Seniors - to be eligible, applicant must be a high school graduate (or graduating senior by Summer 2017), have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 and have been accepted for fall 2017 enrollment;
- College Students - to be eligible, applicant must be enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college/university, have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 and have been accepted for fall 2017 enrollment;
- Women Seeking to Advance Education - to be eligible, applicant must be a high school graduate, have a general education diploma (G.E.D.) or have previously attended college and after a long absence, have been accepted for an undergraduate degree program for fall 2017.

Selection criteria for all scholarships include:

- Academic performance (including transcripts);
- Community activities and service;
- Letters of recommendation;
- Application information;
- Financial information and an essay.

**IMPORTANT** (prevent your application from being rejected)!

**All applications and required documentation** must be **postmarked by Thursday, February 2, 2017.**

Individuals may submit only one application per award period.

Application must be completed using a PDF application (see instructions for free Adobe Reader in Documentation section).

**Letters of Recommendation** will be sent out to the contact information listed on your application and are **due by Thursday, February 16, 2017**

(please follow up with your contact to ensure they have sent the Letter of Recommendation).

## **CONTINUING STUDENTS**

If you have recently received a GSL scholarship and will be attending school fall 2017, you will receive a continuing scholarship form via e-mail, which will be sent out April 2017.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

Documents to download and submit (before you download and complete documents, make sure you submit the Letter of Intent shown in the second paragraph of this document):

[2017-2018 GSL Announcement](#) and [Application Instructions](#) (PDF)

[2017-2018 GSL Application Consent Form](#) (PDF)

[2017-2018 Application Forms](#) (PDF)

[Information and Photo Release Form](#) (PDF)

See application instructions for additional required documentation (i.e., latest filed tax 1040, etc.).

To download:

**On your computer**, with your mouse move cursor over file, right-click on the file and save to desktop or to a folder designated by you to manage your documents. **WARNING:** If you open the file in the browser it may not work or you could lose all the information you entered on the form.

**Using a touchpad**, tap the link to open the file. Once file opens tap it again and select open with in the top left side of your screen and from the icon window select copy to Adobe Acrobat. This will allow you to complete the highlighted fillable form.

The PDF files are fillable forms and require Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat Pro. To get the free version of Adobe Reader go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) to download the application. Handwritten applications will be rejected.

Completed applications and documentation are to be sent to:

Girls' Service League, Inc.  
Director of Educational Grants  
4528 W. Vickery Blvd., Suite 104  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Please call office (817) 738-9092 with any questions regarding the application process or regarding the status of your application.

## **SUPPORT**

### Technical Issues

If you have any technical issues downloading or using these files, please call support at 817-738-9092 (see application for additional support).