

Application for Girl Scout Lifesaving Awards

Before completing the application, please read the GSUSA Lifesaving Awards Instructions so you can present a detailed and accurate application describing the Girl Scout's lifesaving actions. Submit this application and supporting materials to gscommserv@sjgs.org.

Information about the Girl Scout Rescuer:

Name of Girl Scout Rescuer: _____ Council Name: _____
 Age: _____ Grade in school: _____ Girl Scout Level (Daisy-Ambassador): _____
 Rescuer's Parent/Caregiver(s): _____ Phone number (if known): _____

Information on the nominator:

Full Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____
 Relationship to rescuer:
☐ Troop Leader/ Volunteer ☐ Council Representative ☐ Parent/Caregiver
☐ Service Unit Volunteer ☐ Rescued Person ☐ Other: _____

Information about the person rescued (if known):

Name: _____ Relationship, if any, to Girl Scout rescuer: _____
 Approximate age:
☐ Infant-Toddler (0-3) ☐ Teenager (13-17) ☐ Senior Adult (65+)
☐ Child (4-12) ☐ Adult (18+)

May we contact person rescued?

☐ Yes: Email: _____ Phone: _____
☐ No

Information about the rescue:

Incident Location: _____
 Date of the incident: _____ Time of incident: _____

Please provide a 1-2 sentence description of the type of incident and actions taken by the Girl Scout rescuer, such as rendering lifesaving aid (CPR, abdominal thrust) and/or conducting a lifesaving rescue (fall, fire, auto, hiking/outdoor):

NARRATIVE STATEMENTS

Narrative statements from those involved in the emergency scene provide necessary information to explain how the Girl Scout rescuer met the Lifesaving Award Criteria.

Narrative statements from the perspective of the Girl Scout rescuer, the person rescued, and up to two different witnesses are required for the Lifesaving Award application. Other supporting documents are optional.

In some circumstances, narrative statements will either not be available or not appropriate to request from the parties listed above as we recognize there may be a degree of discomfort or traumatization following the incident. If this is the case, and if possible, please provide two statements from a witness and/or responding emergency personnel (examples: 911 dispatch, police, fire, or emergency medical personnel). For the health and safety of those involved, we respect your judgement in determining what statements are appropriate to provide.

Each person writing a narrative statement should, from their own perspective, include the following information to best explain how the rescue occurred and the circumstances surrounding the rescue:

1. Writer's name and role in the rescue: Girl Scout rescuer, person rescued, witness
2. Description of place where rescue occurred and what happened that required a person(s) to be rescued
3. Description of exact nature of risk to life of person(s) rescued
4. Description of the rescuer's independent actions (Girl Scout-led) that were essential to the rescue
5. **For rescuer only:** What, if any, of the skills you used in the rescue did you learn in Girl Scouts? (If none, please say "none"). *Note: It is not required that you applied skills learned in Girl Scouts to earn the Lifesaving Award; this is for data collection purposes only*
6. Description of extent of good judgement shown by rescuer in performing the rescue
7. Description of exact nature of risk to life of Girl Scout rescuer (if any)
8. Description of weather and its role in rescue (if appropriate)
9. Any effects of the rescue upon the rescuer
10. Any unique factors of the situation or people involved that support the bravery and heroic act of the Girl Scout rescuer

Narrative Statement Format:

- Statements may be handwritten or typed and signed by the statement writer.
- They must be saved as individual documents in the following format and attached to the submission email:
 1. (Last name, first initial of Girl Scout Rescuer) - Rescuer Statement
 2. (Last name, first initial of Girl Scout Rescuer) - Person Rescued Statement
 3. (Last name, first initial of Girl Scout Rescuer) - Witness Statement

Supporting Document Format (optional):

- Supporting documents must be saved in electronic format. They may include scanned published newspaper articles, working links to media stories, etc.
- They must be saved as individual documents in the following format and attached to the submission email:
 1. (Last name, first initial of Girl Scout Rescuer) - Supporting document

APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Nominator Acknowledgement:

The foregoing facts and accompanying statement of the rescuer, rescued person, and witnesses are, in my understanding, correct. I believe that the Girl Scout rescuer has met the criteria for earning a GSUSA Lifesaving Award. I understand that if the council validates this application, it will be submitted to Girl Scouts of the USA's National Lifesaving Review Committee who will determine if/what award is conferred.

Nominator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Council Validation:

The Girl Scout rescuer has, in our opinion, successfully met the criteria for earning a GSUSA Lifesaving Award. We understand that this application will now go to review by Girl Scouts of the USA's National Lifesaving Review Committee who will determine if/what award is conferred.

Authorized Council Signature: _____

Position: _____ **Date:** _____

Provide name, email, and phone for appropriate council contact:

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Girl Scout Rescuer and Parent/Caregiver Acknowledgement and Content Release:

Acknowledgement: We, the Girl Scout and their parent/caregiver, are aware of and support this Lifesaving Award application.

Girl Scout Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Content Release: Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) may like to share your name and tell your story. Please check the appropriate box below:

- ☐ Yes, I would like this story shared and I have completed the Lifesaving Award Content Release on the next page.
- ☐ No, I would not like this story shared.

LIFESAVING AWARD CONTENT RELEASE

Should I, _____, in consideration of review of an Application and Nomination for the Girl Scouts Lifesaving Award, be selected as an award winner, I do perpetually and irrevocably consent and authorize Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) to use and reproduce my name, image, voice, persona, actions, (my “Likeness”) and statements and application submitted (“Content”) and to publish them for any and all purposes, including in a GSUSA publication, website, social media channels or other unrelated third party publications or Formats. I waive any right to see or approve the finished story, social media post, advertising copy, or printed matter related to the Content. I acknowledge that there is no guarantee that the Content will ever actually be published. Further signing this form in advance does not guarantee that I will be awarded any award or distinction.

By virtue of my voluntary submission of my Content and Likeness, I also hereby irrevocably release GSUSA, its councils, licensees, successors, assigns, and all persons acting under its permission or authority (the “Releasees”), from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action that I may now have or may hereafter have related to or arising from the Content and/or use of my Likeness.

I agree and understand that any materials using my Likeness and/or the Content under this Release are the exclusive property of GSUSA, and I assign to GSUSA, any right, title, or interest I may have in such Content, including all copyright interests and all new works created from the Content, free from payment of any royalty or compensation whatsoever. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, and with respect to the Content (which may also include the rescue or aid story), I understand that GSUSA retains all right to its version of story, not the story itself which I may continue to retell or publish in my own words.

I agree and represent that I have read the above release and agreement prior to execution, and that I fully understand its contents thereof, and that this Release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. If the individual named below is a minor, as their parent and/or legal guardian, I consent and agree, to the foregoing terms and provisions.

Name of Applicant _____ **Age** _____
(if minor)

Signature _____ **Date** _____
(Applicant OR parent/legal guardian if minor)

Street Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____