



**Give your Girl Scout experience a kickstart with the
Kickstart FUNds Program**

Kicking off a new troop, welcoming new members, or helping the community shouldn't cause a financial burden. Kickstart mini grants are available to help Girl Scouts in 18 counties in West Tennessee meet the needs of girls, volunteers and the community. Funds are available for new troops to include "seed money" to start a bank account and other admin costs for leaders. Funds can also be requested for use for member dues, uniform pieces, troop trips or other activities to engage new members.

Requirements

- Troop must have 2 approved, non-related adult co-leaders and at least 5 girl members.
- Girls and volunteers must be registered members of Girl Scouts of the USA and living in one of the 18 counties listed on the right.
- Volunteer must commit to one full year of troop leadership.
- Troop must participate in both the Fall Product Program and Girl Scout Cookie Program. (New troop must commit to participate.)
- Troop must share news about their project, program, trip or Girl Scout experience with GSHS (news@girlscoutshs.org), the local media and their service unit.



To apply for a Kickstart FUNds grant, Girl Scout members must reside in the following counties:

- Benton**
- Carroll**
- Chester**
- Crockett**
- Decatur**
- Dyer**
- Gibson**
- Hardeman**
- Hardin**
- Haywood**
- Henderson**
- Henry**
- Lake**
- Lauderdale**
- Madison**
- McNairy**
- Obion**
- Weakley**

Apply online at:

https://bit.ly/gshs_WTNKickstartFUNds

This is a grant-funded program and not guaranteed past the 2023-2024 membership year.





Kickstart FUNds Application

Funds are available to new Girl Scout volunteers, girls and troops in Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Henry, Henderson, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, and Weakley counties.

Applicant's Name: _____

Troop # _____ Grade Level _____ Number of Girls in Troop _____

New Troop

Troop Bank Account Information Form on file with GSHS? Yes No

Have you participated in and/or plan to participate in Girl Scout Product Programs? Yes No

Troop Co-Leader's Name (if different from applicant) _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant's Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Amount requested: \$ _____ (Requests must be for \$250 or less.)

When are funds needed: _____ (Allow up to 30 days for processing. Funds will be distributed to the troop's co-leader.)

Please explain how you will use the funds being requested and how it will benefit girls:

Please explain why funds are needed:

How do you plan to gain visibility and publicity for Girl Scouts and this project?

Submit To: Girl Scouts Heart of the South ♦ 825 Valleybrook Drive ♦ Memphis, TN 38120
Traci Nichols at traci.nichols@girlscoutshs.org ♦ 800.624.4183

For Office Use Only:	Date Received: _____	Submitted to Committee: _____
Approved: _____	Denied: _____	Funds Sent to Troop: _____