

National Young Women of Distinction FAQs for Girls

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any girl who completed her Girl Scout Gold Award between **April 1, 2015, and March 31, 2016**, is eligible to apply.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Applications will be open from **April 1-20, 2016**. You must be nominated by your council and have a completed Gold Award Project in [Go Gold Online](#) to complete an application.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can request a nomination directly from your local council or overseas committee chair. If your council decides to nominate you, you must be registered with [Go Gold Online](#).

HOW DO I REGISTER THROUGH GO GOLD ONLINE IF I ALREADY COMPLETED MY GOLD AWARD?

Log on to [Go Gold Online](#) and follow the initial registration steps, including taking note of the prerequisites for earning a Gold Award and uploading a profile picture. Answer all required questions and upload any photos of your project. Once you hit "submit," your council will be notified that you are registered. You can speed up the process by using the existing information listed in your final Gold Award application. All information does not have to be entered perfectly, as you will be able to upload your final report in step 6. Where the system allows you can type in NA. Your council can re-approve your final project through the site, and then you will be eligible for nomination once the application opens up online. *****Note this is only for girls who have already completed their Gold Award Project not using Go Gold Online, are within the eligibility dates, and would like to be considered for nomination.**

I DID MY GOLD AWARD THROUGH GO GOLD ONLINE, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BE NOMINATED FOR NYWOD?

Inform the appropriate person at your council that you would like to be considered for nomination when the application opens.

I AM REGISTERED WITH GO GOLD ONLINE AND MY COUNCIL HAS NOMINATED ME FOR A NATIONAL YOUNG WOMAN OF DISTINCTION APPLICATION. WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

With your parent or guardian, read the Expectations and Requirements document provided by Girl Scouts of the USA. If any of the items do not work for you or your family, let your council know that they will need to nominate someone else. If you are able to meet the requirements, follow the steps as indicated in the application. Feel free to change your profile photo, and be sure to add any photos you have of your project as well. And don't forget your video!

WHAT SIZE SHOULD MY PROFILE PHOTO BE?

See the headshot submission guidelines on the application page.

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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR UPLOADING A VIDEO TO MY APPLICATION?

Your video must be **one minute or less**, briefly describing your project and indicating why you should be selected as a National Young Woman of Distinction. The video can be made with any recording device, including a cell phone, tablet, or digital camera—just make sure the audio and picture are clear. You can then upload the video to YouTube, Vimeo, or any other video-sharing site that provides an accessible link. Ask your council for help if you have problems recording or uploading your video.

HOW DO I DETERMINE MY PROJECT THEME?

Select a theme that best describes your project area. (A maximum of three themes can be selected from the drop-down menu.) For example, if you created a garden to supply a homeless shelter with fresh vegetables and fruit, the themes would be homelessness and hunger. If your theme isn't listed, you have the option of typing one in.

MY COUNCIL NOTIFIED ME THAT THEY HAVE SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION TO GSUSA. WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I AM AN HONOREE?

The National Young Women of Distinction honorees will be notified by phone during the last week of June 2016, so keep your phones charged and handy! Official letters to all applicants will follow in the mail—double check to make sure your mailing address is correctly listed on your application.

HOW WILL THE 2016 NATIONAL YOUNG WOMEN OF DISTINCTION BE RECOGNIZED?

Each National Young Woman of Distinction will receive:

- A \$5,000 academic scholarship made possible by the Kappa Delta Foundation
- A \$5,000 matching scholarship from GSUSA
- Professional training in public speaking
- Recognition at an award ceremony held in October 2016, in New York City or other destination(s) as indicated by GSUSA (*additional details to come*)
- A profile featured on GSUSA's Facebook page, blog, and other social media outlets
- Can potentially be featured in Gold Award 100th Anniversary events and celebrations

HOW SHOULD NOMINATIONS BE SUBMITTED?

All nominations should be submitted by a council staff member using [Go Gold Online](#).