

2013 National Young Women of Distinction Information for Applicants

Please review this information before completing the application on the following page.

- 1. What is a National Young Woman of Distinction (NYWOD)?**
A National Young Woman of Distinction is the designation, and a special honor, conferred by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) on ten Girl Scout Gold Award recipients whose final projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge that related to a national and/or global issue.
- 2. Who is eligible to apply for this honor?** Any Girl Scout who completed her Girl Scout Gold Award through Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA) between **January 1, 2011** and **August 1, 2012**.
- 3. How do I apply?** The application can be found on the following page. *Be sure to include all of the requested documents when you submit the completed application.*
- 4. What is the application deadline?** All applications MUST either be postmarked or emailed to NYWOD@gshpa.org by 5:00 p.m. on **August 18, 2012**.
- 5. Where do I submit my application?** Applications can be mailed to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, ATTN: NYWOD, 350 Hale Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17104, or emailed to NYWOD@gshpa.org.
- 6. What happens after I submit my application?** GSHPA will review the applications we receive, and select up to three nominees. GSHPA will submit our nominations to GSUSA. A panel of corporate and community leaders will assist GSUSA in choosing the ten NYWOD from the pool of nominees.
- 7. What if I belong to USAGSO?** Overseas committee chairs will submit applications directly to USAGSO to select the nominees.
- 8. When will the nominees be chosen?** GSHPA nominees will be chosen by **August 31, 2012**. We will submit our nominations to GSUSA by **September 3, 2012**. *GSHPA will notify selected girls of their nominations via email after the nominations have been successfully sent to GSUSA.*
- 9. How many girls can each council/USAGSO nominate?** Each can nominate up to three girls.
- 10. How will the National Young Women of Distinction be recognized?** Each NYWOD will receive an academic scholarship, and will be prominently and nationally recognized during a 2013 event. *Travel, food and lodging will be paid by GSUSA. All NYWOD are expected to attend this event.*
- 11. Will they have any specific responsibilities?** All NYWOD are expected to attend the **State of the Girl Summit**. They also will serve as consultants to Girl Scouts of the USA, and may be asked to participate in speaking engagements, surveys, webinars and/or other Girl Scout-related activities.
- 12. Where can I find information on past Young Women of Distinction and their projects?** Please visit the highest awards homepage http://www.girlscouts.org/program/highest_awards/
- 13. What if I need more information?** Please call 1.800.692.7816 or email NYWOD@gshpa.org.

