



Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Girls Inc. of Fort Smith scholarship! Since 1980, Girls Inc. Has awarded over \$1,000,000 to help girls reach their educational goals. Each year we award around \$25,000 total to local young women who have been affected by Girls Inc. In their life, proving that working hard and being strong, smart and bold pays off!

Please read the attached guidelines and complete the application carefully. The scholarship committee has requested that applications be typed. The application is available on our website or via email. Missing application elements will disqualify you from further scholarship consideration. **Applications are due back by Friday, May 1, 2026.** No late applications will be accepted.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 782-0375. You can reach me by email at adaniels@girlsincfortsmith.org. Thank you again for applying, and good luck!

Sincerely,

Amanda Daniels

Executive Director

Enclosures

Girls Inc. of Fort Smith

Selection Guidelines

1. An applicant must have been a member of, or have given service to, Girls Inc. of Fort Smith for a minimum of two years (24 months, collectively). Higher consideration is given to girls who attended year-round, i.e. after school and summer.
2. Arkansas residency is not required.
3. At minimum, applicants must be a senior in high school, however there is no maximum age limit.
4. A **unanimous recommendation** of the scholarship committee will make award of Girls Inc. scholarships.
5. An applicant must have a **minimum grade point average of 2.5** to apply for Girls Inc. scholarships.
6. Scholarship applications **MUST INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS**, or they will not be considered.
7. Any applicants who have previously received Girls Inc. of Fort Smith scholarships and wish to reapply must demonstrate to the scholarship selection committee's satisfaction that:
 - a. They are in good standing at the institution of higher learning in which they are enrolled.
 - b. They have completed sufficient coursework or training to be considered a regular, full-time student.
 - c. They have applied previous funding toward appropriate educational expenses.
8. The J.C. and June B. Alexander, Jr Scholarship funds may be awarded to more than one applicant if the scholarship committee so chooses.
9. All scholarship recipients must be willing and able to volunteer for, or make appearances on behalf of Girls Inc. of Fort Smith as requested.
10. All scholarship applicants must be in good standing. Any unpaid balances must be paid before application will be considered.

Scholarship Application Required Elements:

1. Each applicant must submit a completed **typed** application.
2. Each applicant must submit a completed information sheet with all relevant questions answered thoroughly.
3. Each applicant *must* submit a current income tax return from parent or guardian.
4. An applicant must submit two **current** written recommendations from educational advisor, high school/college professors, counselors, principal, etc.
5. An applicant must submit a high school transcript (college transcript if applicant has attended college).
6. Each application must include a recent photo (it can be a photocopy).
7. Applicants will be interviewed in person by the scholarship committee. If an in-person interview is not possible, we will do everything we can to make other arrangements.

Girls Inc. of Fort Smith Scholarship Application

Scholarship Committee
Girls Inc. of Fort Smith
P.O. Box 1253
Fort Smith, AR 72902

I hereby apply for a scholarship to come from the scholarship funds of Girls Inc. of Fort Smith. If I am awarded a scholarship through Girls Inc., I will not solicit any additional funds from the scholarship donors or members of the Board of Directors.

Applicant's Signature

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Telephone

Date

Attached is my: (All forms must be submitted by the deadline for the application to be accepted.)

Application

Two education-related letters of Recommendation

Information sheet

High school or college transcript

Tax Return

Recent Photograph

Interviews will begin the weeks following the application deadline. Please list the best days/times you would be available for an in-person interview (you will be contacted to schedule):

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Scholarship Information Sheet
(Please type)

Name _____ Social Security No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Date of birth _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Number of dependents living in household, including applicant, if applicant is a dependent _____

Number of dependents attending college in 2024-25, including applicant _____

Number of hours you work per week during school _____

What is your planned or present college major? _____

High School Attended _____ Graduation Year _____ Grade Point Average (4.0 scale) _____ Class Rank _____

Colleges attended: _____

Years attended : _____

Hours earned: _____

GPA: _____

Did you receive any financial aid at any of these schools? _____ Please describe:

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What are your anticipated **annual** college expenses for tuition, books, room and board? _____

Please list the complete address of the college, university or educational institution that you will be attending.

We will use this address to mail checks should you receive a scholarship.

Name of Institution	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Contact Information	

Name

Please describe any other financial aid that you have applied for or received: _____

Summarize your membership and, if applicable, your volunteer/employment experience with Girls Inc..

How have you benefited from your participation at Girls Inc.? _____

What extracurricular activities have you participated in at Girls Inc., in high school and/or college? _____

Please describe any current community involvement activities you participate in, including high school or college organizations? _____

From the pool of other applicants, why should YOU be selected to receive a Girls Inc. Scholarship?

Share an example of a personal achievement or success story.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in this statement is correct and complete and I authorize the Scholarship Committee of Girls Inc. of Fort Smith to verify it.

Applicant's signature _____