AWARD:

Department winner receives a $1,000 scholarship. Each District winner will receive a $200 scholarship. Each District winner will be invited, as a guest of the Department, to the site of the Department of Indiana Convention. While there they will attend a special award recipient recognition luncheon and be recognized during the Department Convention general session. The Department award winner will be announced at that time.

REQUIREMENTS:

✓ Must be an Indiana resident and a United States Citizen;
✓ Must either be in or graduate from high school during the year of the competition;
✓ Must be a registered Girl Scout (copy of current-year Girl Scout membership card must be submitted with application)
✓ Must have received the Girl Scout Gold Award (proof of receipt, or of requirements completed, must be submitted with application);
✓ Must have received the appropriate religious emblem, appropriate Girl Scout level (proof of religious award must be submitted with application);
✓ Must have demonstrated good and practical citizenship in her Girl Scouting, school, Religious institution and community;
✓ Must submit at least four letters of recommendation and testimony with the application, with one letter from a leader in each of the following groups: Scouting, school, religious institution and community;

NOTE: Nomination form must be completed in English. Past State-level Gold Award winners may not reapply for this Girl Scout Scholarship.
SELECTION PROCESS:

- Applicant must present the completed application to the American Legion Girl Scout Committee Chairman of the District, having geographic jurisdiction of the county where the applicant lives, on or before **MAY 1, 2020** (see enclosed list of District Chairmen).

- Each District Girl Scout Chairman is to select a screening committee of American Legion members, who will be responsible for selecting a single nominee from their District. **Each District nominee must be submitted to the Department Headquarters and received NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2020.** There may be up to eleven nominees at Department level: one from each District in Indiana.

- The Department Girl Scout Committee Chairman will select a screening committee of Girl Scout Leaders, educators and American Legion members to review and rank the nominations to select a Department Girl Scout of the Year winner, which will be final.

- Each District level winner will be notified and requested to attend the Department of Indiana Convention on or about **JUNE 8, 2020.**

- Lodging at the convention will be provided by the Department, for the evening of **Friday, JULY 10, 2020.**

- Each District level winner will also be invited to attend a special recognition luncheon on **Saturday, JULY 11, 2020.** Later that afternoon, they will be recognized during the Convention General Session, and presented their Scholarship Achievement Award. At that time, the Department Girl Scout of the Year will be announced.

SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

The scholarship recipient will be eligible to receive her scholarship after graduation from high school and must utilize the award within one year of date of graduation (or date of award if she has already graduated). The scholarship must be used to attend a school that is state accredited and above high school level and within the United States.

Disbursement will be made directly to the school in which the recipient is enrolled. The recipient will receive a “CC” of said disbursement. Disbursement shall be made upon receipt of certification from the school that the recipient is enrolled in as a full-time student. The notice of certification must be made to the Department Program Director. This requirement applies to both the Department and District winners.
2019-2020 GIRL SCOUT OF THE YEAR
SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Name of Applicant______________________________________________________________

Street Address_______________________________________________________________County________________

City________________________________________________State_____________________Zip_________

Telephone No.________________________Email____________________________________

Date of Birth________________________Age________________

Name of High School________________________________________________________Grade________

Present grade point average____________Year of graduation____________________

Name of college or university you hope to attend________________________________

Date Girl Scout Gold Award received (or requirements completed if not received)________

Girl Scout Council issuing Gold Award__________________________________________

List Scouting achievements_______________________________________________________

(If necessary, additional pages may be attached)

Name of religious award received______________________________________________

List leadership positions and honors you have received from your Girl Scout Troop or Council,
school, religious institution, and / or community.

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Describe your involvement in each of the following. Use attachments if necessary:

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Your community_______________________________________________________________________________________________
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Your Gold Award project________________________________________________________________________________________
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**APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:** I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts and information. If selected the Department winner, I will be free to travel to the American Legion Department of Indiana Convention in Indianapolis, IN on or about **JULY 10 & 11, 2020** to receive the Award.

Signature of Girl Scout___________________________ Date__________

**PARENT’S CONSENT:** I (we) hereby certify that the information pertaining to our daughter’s age and grade in school is correct. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, we hereby voluntarily waive any claim against the American Legion Department of Indiana and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. totally and all representatives thereof.

Signature of Parent or Guardian________________________ Date__________

**GIRL SCOUT LEADER:** The above-named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent the American Legion Department of Indiana and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and has our recommendation.

Signature of Girl Scout Leader________________________ Date__________

**AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT GIRL SCOUT CHAIRMAN:** The above-named applicant is approved by District No._____, Department of Indiana as qualified for the nomination for the American Legion Department of Indiana Gold Award Girl Scout of the Year Scholarship Achievement Award for the 2019-2020 program year.

Signature of District Chairman________________________ Date__________

**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA GIRL SCOUT CHAIRMAN:** The above-named applicant has been selected for the recipient of the American Legion Department of Indiana Gold Award Girl Scout of the Year Scholarship Achievement Award for the 2019-2020 program year.

Signature of Department Chairman________________________ Date__________

**NOTE:** Be sure to attach any required materials to this application and submit it to the applicable American Legion District Girl Scout Chairman covering your Girl Scout Council.

*Completed application, and associated materials, MUST be received by the District Chairman no later than MAY 1, 2020.*