

Davis Girl Scout Service Unit Policies and Procedures for Destinations Grants

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Goal of the Grants Program: To encourage girls from the Davis Service Unit to Participate in the Destinations Program.

Eligibility: Individual girls who have been accepted for a Destinations event. While the grants are not necessarily based on need, need could certainly be taken into consideration, particularly if requests exceed available funds in a given year.

Timelines: Year-round application process with interview and decision within 4 weeks of request.

Destinations Grant Application Process: *(requests to Carla Lehn, Davis Service Unit Treasurer: carlalehn@gmail.com)*

Maximum Grant Awards: -- \$500

1. Girls who have been accepted for a Destinations event in any given year may submit a request. Request should include:
 - Expenses – cost of event; travel costs; cost of any gear or materials required
 - Revenue – funds earned by the Girl for the Destination, as well as other funds and amount requested from the Service Unit.
 - Copy of Destinations Application and Proof of Acceptance
2. Attend Grant Interview (professional attire)

Interview Process

Purpose of Interview: Provide a professional interview experience with individuals who understand the goals of the program and skills that may be gained, but who do not personally know the girls being interviewed. (Panelists will recuse themselves if they know one of the applicants.)

Three member Interview panel:

- A previous Destinations or Gold Award recipient
- A member of the Service Team not currently leading a Cadette, Senior or Ambassador troop.
- A Brownie or Junior Leader (to expose them to these older girl opportunities)

Possible Interview Questions:

1. Why did you select this destination?
2. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. What will you use service unit funds for?
4. How will this money make a difference for you?
5. Are you willing to make a brief presentation (5 – 10 minutes) to the Service Unit Bridging and Awards Ceremony on June ____? (Assuming the event is held.)

Purpose of Presentation at Service Unit Bridging and Awards Ceremony:

Provides a way to showcase Silver Awards opportunities to younger girls, their leaders and parents, so they can see what lies ahead for them when they become older Girl Scouts.