



2011 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?** A National Young Woman of Distinction (NYWOD) is the designation, and a special honor, conferred by Girl Scouts of the USA 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 between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010.
- 3. How do I apply?** Fill out the attached application. *Be sure to include all of the requested documents when you submit the completed application to GSCB.*
- 4. What is the application deadline?** Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay's deadline is **Monday, April 18, 2011.**
- 5. Where do I submit my application?** Applications MUST be submitted directly to GSCB, 501 S. College Ave, Newark, DE 19713; Attn: Renee Naughton
- 6. What happens after I submit my application?** GSCB is responsible for reviewing the applications they receive and for selecting up to three nominees. The Council is responsible for submitting their nominations to Girl Scouts of the USA. GSUSA and a panel of corporate and community leaders will choose ten Young Women of Distinction from the pool of nominees.
- 7. When will the nominees be chosen?** GSCB will choose from the applicants received by April 18, 2011 and will forward their nominees to GSUSA. We will notify you by May 6, 2011 if you were chosen to move onto GSUSA's selection process.
- 8. How many girls can each council nominate?** GSCB can nominate up to three girls.
- 9. How will the National Young Women of Distinction be recognized?** Each NYWOD will receive a \$3,000 scholarship made possible by the generosity of the Ford Foundation and Kappa Delta. In addition, the NYWOD will be prominently and nationally recognized during the National Council Session/Convention in Houston, Texas, in November, 2011. *Travel, food and lodging will be paid by GSUSA.*
- 10. Will they have any specific responsibilities?** All NYWOD are expected to attend the National Council Session/Convention. 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.
- 11. Where can I find information on past Young Women of Distinction and their projects?** Click http://www.girlscouts.org/news/news_releases/2010/young_women_distinction_2009.asp
- 12. What if I need more information?** You may contact Renee Naughton at 1-800-341-4007 ext. 7186 or RNAughton@cbgsc.org

