

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS COMMUNITY

Girl Scouts Heart of NJ, Inc.

SUNSHINE FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Sunshine Fund was developed by the F-SP Service Team in order to ensure that no girl will be denied access to Troop and Community activities due to financial hardship. Funding from the Sunshine Fund will be made available to girls on the basis of financial need, the cost involved in the activity and availability of funds that year.

1. Sunshine Funds, providing financial aid, are allocated solely on the basis of need and funds available. Except under extreme circumstances girls will be limited to requests for activities that exceed \$25.00 cost.
2. Sunshine Funds are allocated by a volunteer committee.
3. Request for funds should be made at least 2 weeks prior to the due date of registration fees, etc.
4. It is expected that every Girl Scout and her parent(s) will contribute to the best of their financial ability.
5. When planning trips leaders should be sensitive to the financial restraints of all girls in the troop, thus planning trips that are affordable for all.
6. While the total cost of an event or program activity is taken into consideration, the total requested amount may not necessarily be granted. Funds will not be granted in excess of \$100 for any given event.
7. Only Fanwood-Scotch Plains Girl Scout girl members are eligible to receive Sunshine Funds. Member girls requesting assistance must be actively participating in their troop. This will be verified with Troop Leaders.
8. All Sunshine Fund applications will be kept in a confidential file by the Sunshine Committee.
9. F-SP Service Unit Manager, Troop/Group Leader, or another interested adult may apply for Sunshine Funds for a girl member who may need help.
10. Sunshine Fund allocations approved for an activity will be sent directly to the Troop/Group Leader. This funding will be used by the Troop/Group Leader to pay program fees.
11. Any time a girl does not participate in an event or activity that she has received funding for, the Sunshine Committee must be notified and when possible, funds must be returned.
12. Council sponsored events will be considered only when there are no GAFA Funds available.