

Purpose

The Girl Scout Experience Fund Committee has been established in order to distribute funds as defined by the board of directors from the Girl Scout Experience Quasi-Endowment Fund. The fund was established by the board of directors as a result of sales of camps owned by the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSofSI) Council.

The GSofSI board of directors will provide the committee with a total amount to be granted each fiscal year. Girls from the GSofSI Council will complete a grant request explaining the use of the requested funds and submit it to this committee for review and a decision.

The Girl Experience Fund Committee shall:

- Make decisions related to the distribution of board-allocated funds from the Girl Scout Experience Quasi-Endowment Fund to girls from the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois for GSofSI approved activities
- Meet on a regular basis to review and make decisions on grant applications/requests
- Make a recommendation to the GSofSI board of directors on how excess funds not distributed to girls should be used in any given fiscal year

Composition

- The Girl Scout Experience Fund Committee shall consist of the following volunteers:
 - Two members of the GSofSI Board of Directors
 - The Chair of the Girl Scout Experience Fund Committee shall be a current board member and shall be appointed by the GSofSI Board Chair
 - Board member commitment shall be for one year, with a maximum of three (3) consecutive years
 - For consistency, board members shall not leave the committee at the same time
 - Vacancies of GSofSI Board of Directors shall be filled by the board
 - Ten GSofSI volunteers representing the demographics of the Council
 - Volunteer commitment shall be for one (1) year with a maximum of three (3) consecutive years
 - The initial GSofSI volunteer terms shall be four (4) volunteers for one (1) year, three (3) volunteers for two (2) years, and three (3) volunteers for three years
 - Vacancies of GSofSI volunteers, representing the demographics of the Council, shall be recommended and filled by the Girl Scout Experience Fund Committee
- GSofSI staff will include appropriate members of the Programs Department

Duties

- Determine how girls will apply for grants from the Girl Experience Fund
- Establish the timetable for grant request receipt, decisions, and response to the requestor
- Review girl applications/requests for grants related to GSofSI approved activities, including camping and other programs
- Attend meetings to review grant applications/requests and make decisions
- Review parameters for Girl Scout Experience Fund grants for relevance and consistency
- Make prompt decisions based on review of grant applications/requests as to who will receive funds from the Girl Scout Experience Fund