



**Girl Scouts®**



## 2009 Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest Application

### Eligibility requirements

- Girls must be registered Girl Scouts.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 17 by March 15, 2009.
- Applicants must be able to obtain proper travel documents (ie. passport, visa).

### Essay Guidelines

- Selection for the Girl Scouts Global Citizen Essay Contest is based primarily on the sincerity, clarity and overall quality of thought demonstrated in your essay.
- Please type your essay.
- Girls ages 12 to 14 should limit their responses to 400 words, and girls ages 15 to 17 should limit their responses to 500 words.
- Additional text, transcripts, letters of recommendation or any other supplementary material will not be considered.

### Awards

- The twelve winners in the younger category will travel together on a 4 or 6\*day, expenses-paid educational tour of New York City during the period of June 21 – July 12, 2009.
- The six winners in the older category will travel together on a 9-day, educational tour to Mexico during the period of June 25 - July 15, 2009.
- Awards include round-trip airfare, transportation, hotels, breakfast, and dinner.

\*Depends upon availability. Length of tour will be announced to the 12 winners by May 1, 2009, but will either be 4 or 6 days in length.

## 2008 Essay Topic

Ages 12 to 14: Describe how **World Thinking Day** has inspired you to become a global citizen.

Ages 15 to 17: Choose one of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals below and describe how Girl Scouts are helping to address the goal.

**global citizen:** a person who understands and appreciates cultural differences, and strives to instill this value in others.

**World Thinking Day:** celebrated each year on February 22, is a day when girls participate in activities, games and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries.

[www.worldthinkingday.org](http://www.worldthinkingday.org)

### Millennium Development Goals (MDG)

**MDG 1:** Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

**MDG 2:** Achieve universal primary education

**MDG 3:** Promote gender equality and empower women

**MDG 4:** Reduce child mortality

**MDG 5:** Improve maternal health

**MDG 6:** Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

**MDG 7:** Ensure environmental sustainability

**MDG 8:** Develop a Global Partnership for Development

**Millennium Goals:** [www.un.org/millenniumgoals/](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/)

**WAGGGS & MDGs:** [www.wagggsworld.org/en/issues/WAGGGS\\_and\\_the\\_UN/UNs\\_Millennium\\_Development\\_Goals](http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/issues/WAGGGS_and_the_UN/UNs_Millennium_Development_Goals)

**World Thinking Day:** [www.worldthinkingday.org/en/home](http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/home)

### Instructions

**Applications should be typed or printed clearly.**

1. Submit your typed essay and application form together. Applications can be scanned.
2. DO NOT use report covers or folders.
3. INCLUDE your name, age, address, email, and council or USA Girl Scouts Overseas committee on each page of your essay.
4. DO keep copies of your submissions. Application forms and essays will not be returned.
5. DO NOT fax your application—it will not be accepted.
6. DO fill in all requested information. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. Sign the application.
8. Electronic submission is preferred. Submit your essay online at [gsglobalcitizen@girlscouts.org](mailto:gsglobalcitizen@girlscouts.org). Please attach the MS Word document.
9. If necessary, essays may be mailed to the address below.

### Postmark Deadline:

Applications and essays must be postmarked by March 15, 2009, and sent to:

Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest  
Global Girl Scouting  
420 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10018

**Good luck and thank you for your participation.**



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### Girl Scout information

Name

Date of birth

Mailing address

City State Zip Code Country

Home telephone Email

### Council or Overseas Committee

Troop Leader/Council Staff Person Girl Scout Council or USA Girl Scout Overseas Committee

Address

City State Zip Code

Telephone Email

### Applicant's agreement

I affirm that my entry submitted in this application for the Girl Scout Global Citizen Essay Contest is my own work, and that all information provided in this application is true and accurate. I give Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and EF Educational Tours permission to use my essay for publication and/or promotional purposes.

#### If I am chosen for the awards, I agree

- that I will be able to travel from June 21-July 15, 2009; if this is no longer the case, I will notify EF Educational Tours immediately so the award may be given to another deserving applicant.
- that unforeseen circumstances may call for travel modifications in the tour itinerary.

#### I also agree

- to inform Girl Scouts and EF of any health condition that may affect my travels.
- to stay with the group while traveling and to attend all scheduled activities.
- to make myself available, if invited, for media interviews at home or abroad.
- to permit Girl Scouts and EF to utilize my name, likeness, submitted materials and information in whatever manner they deem fit.

Signature of applicant Date

Signature of parent or guardian Date