

2022-2023 Travel Credit FAQs

What happened to Troop Trip Cookie Credits (TTCC) and Destination Credits?

TTCC and Destination Credits have been simplified and are now just called Travel Credits.

What are Travel Credits?

Travel Credits are a way for Girl Scouts to earn credits specifically for travel. Girls/troops apply to receive Travel Credits – they are not part of the regular Cookie rewards and incentives. For every box of cookies sold, credit is earned (see scale of credits). Travel Credits can be used for girl expenses including event fees, airfare, and accommodations during the event. Travel Credits cannot be used for spending money, non-Girl Scout attendees, or adults' expenses. If receiving Travel Credits, girls/troops will not receive any proceeds, incentives, or other product credits from the Cookie Sale. Girls/Troops will still earn proceeds, incentives, and product credits from the Fall Product sale. Travel Credits have no cash value and are redeemable for 2 membership years. (Travel Credits expire on September 30th of the second year).

Who is eligible to apply for Travel Credits?

New! Travel Credits can now be used for more types of travel!

- **Troops:** Troops with at least 5 or more girls attending a trip to a GSUSA or GSAK sponsored event, the Girl Scout National Convention, a WAGGGS World Centre, the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, or a location at least 300 miles from home when a Service Learning/Take Action Project is completed during the trip.
- **Individuals (Independent Girl Scouts OR a girl traveling without her troop):** Individuals can apply for Travel credits if they have been accepted on a GSUSA Destination. They can also apply for Travel Credits for trips to a GSUSA or GSAK sponsored event, the Girl Scout National Convention, a WAGGGS World Centre, or the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace. Individuals who receive Travel Credits will be considered an individual seller for the entire cookie program and her sales will not count toward her troop's sale. Individuals cannot receive Travel Credits if they are already receiving Travel Credits as part of a Troop.



Can I apply for Travel Credits every year?

Yes, you can apply for Travel Credits as many times as you'd like, but it should be a girl-led decision. Remember, if you elect to receive Travel Credits, girls/Troops will not receive any proceeds, incentives, or other product credits from the Cookie Sale.

Can I use Travel Credits for more than one trip?

Yes, you can use travel credits for any approved trip prior to expiration (Travel Credits are good for 2 membership years.) In order to use Travel Credits, you must submit the Intent to Travel Form for each trip.

When can I apply for Travel Credits?

The Application for Travel Credits is open from Oct 1 – Feb 1 each year.

What if the trip is not during the summer?

Travel Credits are held for two membership years, so if you are traveling outside of summer, apply for Travel Credits the year prior to your trip.

How do I apply for Travel Credits?

Submit an Intent to Travel Form and the Application for Travel Credits no later than February 1 in the year you want to travel. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that all supporting documentation is included and the trip meets the appropriate qualifications.

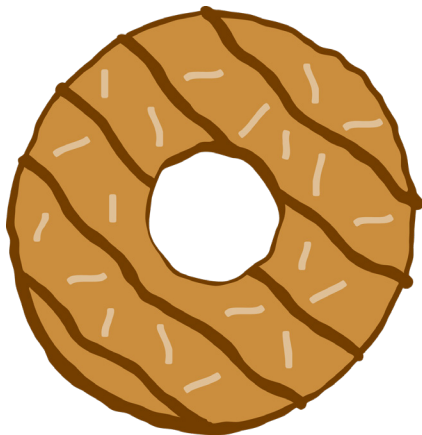


What needs to be included with the Travel Credit Application?

- **Intent to Travel application includes:** General destination and tentative travel dates.
- **Travel Credit Application includes:** Type of trip (World Centre, Juliette Low Birthplace, Service-Learning, GSUSA-Sponsored, etc.), number of participants, information about how the trip will be girl-led and girl-planned, description of service learning if applicable, budget, money earning plan, and troop report (if applicable).

How do we receive Travel Credits?

To receive Travel Credit payment/reimbursement, documentation of expenses (receipts for airfare, event fee or accommodations, statement or bill from event sponsor) will need to be submitted to GSAK. GSAK will deposit funds into the troop/trip bank account, send a check, and/or pay vendors directly.



If a girl participates in the cookie program with the intent of traveling and leaves the troop before the trip (i.e. moves away or drops out), can the troop still apply her credits to the approved trip?

If a girl moves out of council or leaves Girl Scouts the Travel Credits stay with troop. If a girl leaves her troop to become an Individually Registered Member/Juliette or join another troop, the troop does not retain the credits. The girl will be considered an individual seller for the ENTIRE cookie program. For this to

happen Council must be notified no later than the day before the first ACH. If a girl leaves the troop or decides not to go on the trip after the first ACH, her credits are retained by the troop.

What if a girl in the troop sells cookies but is not going on the trip?

She may choose to receive incentives and product credits and sell as an individual girl.

OR

She may choose to give the troop her Travel Credits and not receive individual incentives and product credits.

Can a girl/Troop receive funds in excess of the total girl cost of the trip and then apply them to leader expenses or girl spending money?

No. Travel Credits are only distributed for the actual cost of the trip. Travel Credits cannot be used for spending money or adult expenses. Leftover Travel Credits can be used for another trip prior to expiration.

What if my trip includes girls from more than one troop?

If your trip is for girls from multiple troops, you can either apply together as a group or girls can apply individually. If you apply as a group, those girls will be placed together in a special troop for the purpose of the Cookie sale only. Their cookie sales will count toward Travel Credits only and will not be included in their regular troops' sales. If girls apply individually, they will be considered an individual seller for the entire cookie program and her sales will not count toward her troop's sale.

Travel Credit Amounts			
Boxes Sold	Credits Earned	Boxes Sold	Credits Earned
250-499	\$ 275	3750-3999	\$3,865
500-749	\$475	4000-4249	\$4,160
750-999	\$720	4250-4499	\$4,420
1000-1249	\$970	4500-4749	\$4,725
1250-1499	\$1,225	4750-4999	\$4,990
1500-1749	\$1,500	5000-5499	\$5,300
1750-1999	\$1,750	5500-5999	\$5,830
2000-2249	\$2,000	6000-6499	\$6,420
2250-2499	\$2,275	6500-6999	\$7,020
2500-2749	\$2,525	7000-7499	\$7,630
2750-2999	\$2,775	7500-8499	\$8,250
3000-3249	\$3,060	8500-9499	\$9,350
3250-3499	\$3,315	9500-10499	\$10,450
3500-3749	\$3,605	10500-11499	\$11,550

Note: Travel Credits may not be transferred from one girl to another. Troops/Families with Product Program or Camp delinquencies are unable to use Destination/TTCC credits until their debt has been paid.