

## GIRLS' WORLD FORUM CHICAGO, IL JULY 12-16, 2012

**USA Girl Scouts Overseas is seeking applications from girls 14-18 interested in attending the Girls' World Forum in Chicago, IL, July 12-16, 2012.**

Girl Scouts of the USA and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) invite you to apply to represent USAGSO at the 2012 Girls' World Forum (GWF) to be held in Chicago, IL, USA, July 12 -16, 2012. The cost for participation is \$650 per person, which includes food, accommodations and all activity and program costs throughout the Forum.

The Girls' World Forum is the third and final event in a series of forums that are part of the WAGGG's global centenary celebrations. The World Forums, hosted by Girl Guiding UK in 2010 and the World Centers in 2011, have already engaged over 250 young women in discussions of the WAGGGS Global Action Theme, girls worldwide say "Together We Can Change Our World," which address the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Applicants must be:

- ages 14 to 18 at the time of the forum
- actively engaged and registered in USAGSO
- interested in the United Nations MDGs (GWF 2012 will focus on three millennium goals: MDG 1: to end poverty and hunger, MDG 3: to promote gender equality and empower women, and MDG 7: to achieve environmental sustainability)
- able to adhere to the safety standards set by Girl Scouts USA
- a positive role model and representative for USA Girl Scouts Overseas
- willing to develop skills and networks to bring about change in their community and country
- fluent in English, Arabic, French or Spanish (to contribute and benefit fully from the Forum).

USAGSO will provide financial assistance via reimbursement up to the amount of \$1,000 to cover the registration fee of \$650 (which includes lodging and most meals) and to offset costs for travel and additional meals while at forum.

The Forum will include the following elements:

- Exchange with external partners
- Develop advocacy, leadership & communication skills
- Identify viable solutions to MDG issues and incorporate them into designs of personal action plans.
- Participate in local take action projects
- Review and incorporate Member Organizations 2010 and 2011 Forum action plans
- Centenary celebrations

If you have any questions, please email [overseas@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseas@girlscouts.org).

**The deadline for submitting applications is January 9, 2012.**

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Girls' World Forum APPLICATION

Name:		
Home Address:	Date of Birth:	
	Email Address:	
	Telephone Number:	
Mailing Address (if different from home address):	Are you currently a registered Girl Scout? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Does applicant hold a valid passport (if applicable)? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Will applicant secure any necessary travel visas (if applicable)? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Closest international airport to you:		
Overseas Committee Name (i.e. USAGSO-Paris): City/Country:		
Participant's age at time of Forum:		
Parental Permission signature for minor to attend GWF and travel unaccompanied		
Printed Name:	Signature:	Date:
Briefly describe your most recent Girl Scouts involvement/experiences.		
Briefly describe any international travel experience(s).		
Why are you interested in attending Girls' World Forum?		

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Briefly describe your ability to share what you learn with girls and volunteers at your local overseas committee after the event.

Providing information on racial background is voluntary. This information will be used by Girl Scouts of the USA to help improve outreach efforts and advance the Girl Scout Movement.

**Racial background: (please check as many as apply)**

- American Indian or Alaskan Native     Asian     Black or African American  
 Hawaiian or Pacific Islander     White     Other (specify \_\_\_\_\_)

Please indicate if you are of Hispanic origin     Yes     No

**\*\*Submission**

Please e-mail the completed application and Overseas Committee endorsement to [overseas@girlscouts.org](mailto:overseas@girlscouts.org) by **January 9, 2012**. All information should be titled: Girls' World Forum Application.

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GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OR OVERSEAS COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

This portion must be completed by an overseas committee representative.

Overseas Committee:

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Address: -----

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Telephone Number: ----- E-mail: -----

I endorse (name of applicant) ----- to apply to attend the Girls' World Forum.

Name of Overseas Committee Chair: -----

Signature of Overseas Committee Chair: -----