

# Application



**Instructions:**

1. Type or print clearly using **black ink**.
2. Fill out the application completely. Make a photocopy for yourself.
3. All of your answers for your *short answer* questions must be filled in on the application form or total no more than two (2) 8 ½ x 11 pages. Attach your two (2) *essays*, totaling no more than two (2) pages and a copy of your SCUBA Certification Card. Be sure to put your name on each page you attach.
4. Make sure you, your parent/guardian, and a staff person from your Girl Scout council sign the last page.
5. Make two (2) copies of the Reference Form, fill out the top portions and give them to your references to complete and give back to you by your required deadline.
6. Application forms, attachments and two (2) reference forms **must be received at GSUSA by**

**May 2, 2005.** Please mail forms to:

Rosemary Ortiz  
 Project Administrator, Aquarius Project  
 Membership & Program Initiatives  
 Girl Scouts of the USA  
 420 Fifth Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 New York, NY 10018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (necessary for booking travel arrangements): \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age at time of July 13, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_ Present School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ CEO Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List the date and location of your SCUBA certification: (Attach a copy of your SCUBA Certification Card)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

List the date and location of your open water training:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Share your diving experience--list any additional dives you have conducted, their location, and the date :

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Please PRINT or type the name of your two (2) references. (Include address and telephone number.)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 1: ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Please describe why you want to participate in the Aquarius Project STUDIO 2B<sub>SM</sub> destination. Be specific in describing what knowledge and skills you will bring to this opportunity, what you hope to learn through this experience, and list any experiences with marine conservation or environmental education you have had.

2. Explain how you might use your leadership experience to share your new knowledge and experience gained through the Aquarius Project with your Girl Scout council and/or community. What kind of project do you envision designing and implementing after the event?

## PART 2: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Have you ever been away from your family overnight?  Yes  No

If yes, briefly describe length of time, where, when, and with whom.

Briefly describe your two most meaningful experiences away from home without your family.

If you haven't gone on a trip without your family, why are you ready for this trip away from home now?

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Briefly describe an experience you had where you had to work as part of a team. List any obstacles you encountered and how you overcame them.

Make a list of what activities (sports, clubs, or other stuff) you do outside of school.

1.
2.
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5.

Have you previously attended a nationwide or international travel opportunity in Girl Scouting? If yes which one(s)?

Events(s)	Date(s)

Have you previously applied for any Girl Scout travel opportunity with nationwide participation or an international event in Girl Scouting and not been chosen? If yes, list event name(s) and year(s).

Yes  No

Event(s):	Year(s):

### SKILLS INVENTORY:

#### Languages

Tell us what language(s) you speak in addition to English and level of fluency (basic, intermediate, advanced).

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#### Camping/Outdoor Skills/Certifications

Please check off the areas from this list that you have had experience in or are certified in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Survival (roughing it!)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Cooking and Meal Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecology/Nature Studies            | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid/CPR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguard/Water Safety            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

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## PART 3: SIGNATURES

### Applicant Understanding:

I have read the Aquarius Project description and feel I am able to participate. I acknowledge that if I'm selected, I have definite intentions of attending the event and plan to accept participation. I am responsible for designing and implementing a back home project to share the knowledge and experience I learned during the event with the council and/or community within one year of the event.

**Applicant's signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Parent/Guardian permission:** I have read the Aquarius Project description to which my daughter is applying. To the best of my knowledge ..... has a clear understanding of the event she has applied for, and if selected, she has my permission to participate.

I grant Girl Scouts of the USA permission to share her email address with other Girl Scout participants.  
 Yes  No

**NOTE:** Girl Scouts of the USA wants to provide a pleasant and enjoyable experience for every STUDIO 2B destinations participant. STUDIO 2B destinations require mental and/or physical agility. If your child is a person with a disability and may need accommodations or further information please contact MariClare Krzyzewski, Manager, STUDIO 2B destinations at [destinations@girlscouts.org](mailto:destinations@girlscouts.org).

**Parent/Guardian signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Council verification:** I verify that the above-named applicant is a registered member of GSUSA. I will ensure that if this applicant is accepted, my council will provide support to her project, designed to share the knowledge and experience learned during the event with the council and/or community, within one year upon return of the event.

**Council authorized signature:** .....

**Position:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Racial/Ethnic breakdown:**  
 In order to monitor and promote the participation rates of girls from various racial and cultural backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. You are not required to respond. The information will be used for monitoring purposes exclusively and will have no influence on the selection process.

American Indian    Asian/Pacific Islander    Black    White    Are you also of Hispanic origin?

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## Reference Form

**PART I: To be completed by the applicant.**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would appreciate it if you would complete this and send it back to me at the address above by:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Insert a deadline.)

**I am applying for the Aquarius Project STUDIO 2B<sub>SM</sub> destination that requires the skills described below. Please add a narrative reference attesting to your knowledge of my competence in as many of these areas as possible.**

**GSUSA Aquarius Project STUDIO 2B<sub>SM</sub> destination Description:**

The GSUSA Aquarius Project STUDIO 2B<sub>SM</sub> destination (July 13-19, 2005) is a result of the joint partnership between Girl Scouts of the USA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Ocean Exploration, and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation through the Girl Scouts of the USA's *Linking Girls to the Land* partnership.

The GSUSA Aquarius Project STUDIO 2B<sub>SM</sub> destination is designed to:

- Engage the interest of Girl Scouts (ages 15-18) with marine science and conservation.
- Enhance Girl Scouts' understanding of the resources that marine sanctuaries protect, and the scientific research related to these resources.
- Provide a hands on approach to learning scientific research techniques
- Provide an opportunity for marine science and career exploration.

**Selected Girl Scout participants must meet the following requirements:**

- Must be a Girl Scout (ages 15-18 at the time of the event)
- Be currently certified in open water SCUBA diving
- Have a demonstrated interest and commitment in developing knowledge of marine science, conservation, and exploration
- Willing to design and implement a project to share her experience with her council and community within one year after the event
- Be comfortable diving in the open ocean



Reference Form

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II: To be completed by the person giving the reference.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Check one rating in each category to assess the following qualities of the applicant.

Note: 5 = Excellent 4 = Above Average 3 = Average 2 = Below Average 1 = Don't Know

	5	4	3	2	1		5	4	3	2	1
Is dependable and responsible						Is able to relate well to adults					
Has poise and ease in meeting people						Is adaptable and flexible					
Accepts differences in people						Shows humor and spontaneity					
Is able to share ideas and feelings						Is physically fit					
Is able to work well in a group						Is creative					
Demonstrates maturity and self-control						Demonstrates leadership skills and self-motivation					

2. Describe the applicant's special strengths and/or skills as they relate to the GSUSA Aquarius Project STUDIO 2B<sub>SM</sub> destination. Please give specific examples. If more space is needed use additional sheets.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_