



girl scouts
spirit of nebraska

2025-2026 Honor Status Requirements

The Girl Scout Honor program recognizes Individual Girl Members (IGMs) and troops at all grade levels who experience a strong, balanced Girl Scout year. This program promotes girl/adult partnerships, girl planning, community service, and involvement. Honor Girl Scouts and Honor Troops will be recognized on our website and social media. Each IGM/troop will receive a signed Honor Girl Scout certificate and Honor Girl Scout patch.

Please use this document to track your accomplishments throughout the year. To apply for Honor Status, your application must be completed by June 30, 2026. Please save this PDF to your computer BEFORE typing information into the fields below. [Adobe Acrobat's](#) "Fill & Sign" tool is recommended—it's free!

PLEASE NOTE: If you are in a troop, but your troop is not participating in the Honor Status program, you may apply for Honor Status on your own.

HONOR STATUS REQUIREMENTS

1. IGMs must complete "Required Items" numbers 1-7; troops must complete "Required Items" numbers 1-15.
2. IGMs/troops must complete the required number of "Additional Items" as follows:
 - **Daisy** IGMs/troops must complete any 5 Additional Items.
 - **Brownie** and **Junior** IGMs/troops must complete any 7 Additional Items.
 - **Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, and Multi-Level** IGMs/troops must complete any 9 Additional Items.
3. A program, event, or activity may only be used once.
4. Complete chosen program, events, and activities from the items below by June 30, 2026.
5. Submit your [**Honor Status Application**](#) by June 30, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

REQUIRED ITEMS

Specify the date accomplished in the space provided (MM/DD/YYYY) for each item.

_____ 1. The IGM/majority of troop members completed [**Early Bird Renewal**](#) by June 30 (i.e., if the troop has 10 girl members, the majority is 6). The IGM has at least 1 registered IGM mentor.

_____ 2. The IGM/troop, along with the IGM mentor/troop co-leader, created a yearly calendar of activities and added it to their Year Plan in the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK). Girl interests and ideas are incorporated into the calendar.

NOTE: Each primary caregiver of a currently registered IGM will have troop co-leader level access in the VTK.

3. The IGM/troop completed four badges or at least one Girl Scout Journey or for their grade level during the year:

_____	Badge 1 Name	_____	Date Completed
_____	Badge 2 Name	_____	Date Completed
_____	Badge 3 Name	_____	Date Completed
_____	Badge 4 Name	_____	Date Completed
_____	Journey Name	_____	Date Completed

4. The IGM/troop participated in at least one Girl Scout [**Product Program**](#) with all paperwork completed (including any Outstanding Balance Reports) and money deposited by the deadlines:

_____	Fall Product Program	_____	Girl Scout Cookie Program
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5. The IGM/troop and IGM mentor/troop co-leader observed at least two of the following:

Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday National Girl Scout Week
 World Thinking Day Volunteer Appreciation Day
 Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath

6. The IGM/troop participated in at least one Take Action/community service project.

7. The IGM/troop participated in at least one age-appropriate outdoor activity. The IGM mentor or at least one troop co-leader completed all **required outdoor trainings**.

8. Troop: Has enough registered and background-screened adults on their roster to comply with **Volunteer-to-Girl Ratios**.

9. Troop: Adults registered as "Troop Co-Leader" have completed the **required training** within one month of the troop starting for the school year.

10. Troop: Established and maintained a Troop Bank Account with at least two authorized signers, with a Council Troop Support Specialist as an authorized signer, as required by GSSN guidelines. The account is updated as needed.

11. Troop: Established a plan for regularly communicating with parents/caregivers.

12. Troop: Held at least two Parent Meetings throughout the year, encouraging parents/caregivers to participate in the troop and foster good communication and teamwork. Parent Meeting Guides may be found [on our website](#).

13. Troop: Co-leaders offer opportunities for parents/caregivers to be involved in troop activities and/or outings.

14. Troop: Participated in at least one traditional Girl Scout ceremony throughout the year, and parents/caregivers have been invited to attend:

Bridging Investiture
 Court of Awards Rededication
 Highest Awards Ceremony

15. Troop: Shared Girl Scout history, traditions, and ideals with girls. Consider completing the "Girl Scout Way" badge.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Specify the date accomplished in the space provided on the left (MM/DD/YYYY) for each item. You will be asked to provide a brief description of how the item was accomplished on the [Honor Status Application](#).

- **Daisy** IGMs/troops must complete any 5 Additional Items.
- **Brownie** and **Junior** IGMs/troops must complete any 7 Additional Items.
- **Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, and Multi-Level** IGMs/troops must complete any 9 Additional Items.

16. Taken at least one field trip for Journey and/or badge work.

17. Participated in at least one **council-sponsored program**.

18. Participated in at least one area Service Unit event.

19. Participated in at least one activity with another sister Girl Scout or sister troop. A sister Girl Scout troop is a troop with whom the troop joins on an ongoing basis (i.e., pen pals, field trips, council-sponsored programs, celebrations, ceremonies, etc.).

20. Participated in at least one STEM activity (science, technology, engineering, and math).

- _____ 21. Participated in an age-appropriate **travel experience**.
- _____ 22. Participated in an activity encouraging environmental awareness.
- _____ 23. Participated in an activity promoting community Girl Scouting awareness.
- _____ 24. Participated in a back-to-school event or curriculum night encouraging new girls to join.
- _____ 25. Invited non-Girl Scouts to attend at least one activity.
- _____ 26. Decorated a store window or public bulletin board in her school or other public area during National Girl Scout Week.
- _____ 27. Learned about Girl Scouting/Girl Guides in other countries.
- _____ 28. **Submitted at least one photo/story** for council promotions (or to a local newspaper) about IGM/troop accomplishment(s).
- _____ 29. Joined **Daisy's Circle** with any size gift. Troops have at least half of families contributing.
- _____ 30. Completed the Girl Scout Voices Count survey and understand its importance.
- _____ 31. Completed at least one **Programs on Demand**.
- _____ 32. IGMs: Earned the My Promise/My Faith Award.
- _____ 33. IGMs: Earned the level's Summit Award.
- _____ 34. IGMs: Participated in a flag ceremony or a parade.
- _____ 35. IGMs: Participated in an activity to honor veterans.
- _____ 36. Troop: Submitted at least one **Volunteer Award nomination**.
- _____ 37. Troop: Conducted at least four flag ceremonies with at least one being public flag ceremony (i.e., PTA meeting, community club, ball games, etc.).
- _____ 38. Troop: Invited an expert to attend their meeting as a guest speaker or to meet a Girl Scout badge requirement.
- _____ 39. Troop: Completed the **Troop End of Year Form** with girl input.

QUESTIONS

Other questions that will be asked on the **Honor Status Application**:

1. Why did you/your troop decide to work toward Honor Status, and why do you/your troop deserve this distinction?
2. Do you need an exception to any of the “Required Items” or “Additional Items”? If so, please include the item number and describe why you are requesting an exception.