

Membership Dues and Early Renewal FAQs

Why are the girl membership dues going up again?

The vote at the Special National Council Session in October 2024 was to increase dues to \$65 per girl member with a two-year step-up, so that is why dues were \$45 last year and now \$65 for the membership year beginning Oct. 1, 2026.

How do Girl Scout dues compare to other youth-serving organizations?

A comparison with other similar organizations showed that most peer organizations have raised their national dues since 2019, and some considerably: Scouting America (formerly BSA) to \$85, American Heritage Girls to \$60, and Frontier Girls to \$35.

What is GSCO doing with the 25% rebate?

For 2027 early renewal, Girl Scouts of Colorado is offering \$15 off girl memberships renewed on one day only - April 15 - as a thank you to our members who make the early commitment to continue their Girl Scout journey. For renewals made on any other day, the \$16.25 rebate will go to support opportunity grants for Girl Scout families requesting financial aid for membership dues, uniforms, supplies or program fees.

What happens after 5 years when GSUSA is no longer offering the rebate?

As a nonprofit organization, Girl Scouts of Colorado must meet a balanced budget each year and has the responsibility of using our resources wisely. Income that supports Girl Scouts of Colorado primarily comes from the Girl Scout Cookie Program and individual and corporate donations. Each year, we must re-evaluate expenses and how to best serve girls with available funds. For 2027 renewals only, we have decided to offer a single-day \$15 off renewing girl memberships.

Is there a rebate for adult memberships?

No, the adult membership is \$30 and there is no rebate given from GSUSA, therefore adult memberships will not be \$15 off on April 15.

Are there grants or scholarships available for members who cannot afford the dues?

Yes, Girl Scouts of Colorado is committed to ensuring all girls have the opportunity to be Girl Scouts no matter their families' financial situation. The same holds true for adult volunteers facing financial hardship. For girl memberships, we ask families to consider using Cookie Credits earned through product program participation to support their memberships before requesting a grant.

Last year, GSCO offered a pay-what-you-can model, can I still do that this year?

This year, Girl Scouts of Colorado is offering \$15 off renewed girl memberships on April 15th. If you don't want to take that rebate, you are welcome to renew on any other day or you are welcome to renew on April 15th and donate back the rebate or more. If you feel you cannot pay the membership fee, you can request a grant to cover the membership dues.

Will membership dues be going up again?

Dues are set at the national level and our national organization and national board will continue to review financial and membership models. Any future dues increases must be voted on by a convening of the National Council Session.

What incentives are there for troops to encourage early renewal?

Troops that have at least 75% of girl members renewed as well as two Troop Leadership Team members and two bank signers renewed and that have completed their Troop Annual Report by June 15, will receive a \$40 credit to the Girl Scouts of Colorado shop. The credit can be used to purchase uniforms, badges, patches or other items from the Girl Scouts of Colorado retail shop on Colorado Boulevard in Denver, or online at shop.girlscoutsofcolorado.org or at Girl Scout DreamLab in the Lowry neighborhood.

When will the \$40 shop credit be available for my troop to use?

You will receive an email after June 15 with instructions on how to redeem your \$40 shop credit. The credit will expire on March 31, 2027

What is the Junior Experience Box offer?

Renewing Junior troops that have renewed at least 4 girl members and two Troop Leadership Team members can sign up to receive this one-time limited edition Junior Experience Box that contains everything you need to earn two badges and a fun patch.

Supplies are limited and these will go quickly, so don't wait. Visit [girlscouts.org/juniorbox](https://www.girlscouts.org/juniorbox) to learn more.