

# 2025-2026 Program Credit Policies

Cookie Dough, Munch Money, and Juliette Program Credits

## What are Program Credits?

- ↑ Program Credits are rewards earned by Girl Scouts for participating in Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa's (GSGI) Product Programs. Program Credits come in the form of Cookie Dough, Munch Money, and Juliette Program Credits.
  - Girl Scouts earn "Cookie Dough" credits from participation in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and "Munch Money" credits through the Fall Product Program.
  - Juliettes, (or individually-registered Girl Scouts not in a troop), earn additional Juliette Program Credits in lieu of monetary Troop Proceeds. Pay special attention to the "Just for Juliettes!" section, to see how these Program Credits are different.
- ~ Program Credits may be shared between Girl Scouts in the same household; otherwise, they are non-transferable.

### How do Girl Scouts access their Program Credits?

- ↑ Program Credits are loaded onto a Program Credit Account Number (similar to a credit card number), which is emailed to each Girl Scout (parent/guardian email) and retained by GSGI.
- → You can check your Girl Scout's balance at any time by entering their account number at *storecard.com*.

### How can Program Credits be used?

#### For Girl Scout membership

- Use Program Credits towards your annual Girl Scout membership fee.
- Graduating high school seniors can use Program Credits to pay lifetime membership dues (\$200 current cost for young adults). Submit your request at girlscoutsiowa.org/renew.

#### For events, camp, and travel

- Program Credits can be used towards a Girl Scout's registration cost for GSGI hosted events, camp sessions, and travel opportunities.
  - Program Credits can also be used toward adult fees when chaperones are required.
  - Registrations paid with Program Credits are nonrefundable but may be transferred to another event in accordance to GSGI Refund/Return Policies.
- ↑ To apply Program Credits towards registration costs, select "Gift Card" as the payment type on the final payment screen.
  - Visit *The Hub* to see available experiences to register for!
- Contact GSGI to use Program Credits towards a national Girl Scout *Destinations* travel opportunity.

Note: Program Credits cannot be used for events hosted by outside organizations, including field trips, service unit events, and community events, where fees are paid directly to the outside organization.

#### In GSGI Retail Stores or online shop

- Visit a GSGI Retail Store to use Program Credits inperson. Purchases made with Program Credits are nonrefundable. Items may be exchanged within 90 days.
- Use Program Credits to purchase a *Uniform Package*.
- → Program Credits can be used to purchase items on the → GSGI online shop.

Note: Program Credits cannot be converted to an Online Shopping Code for the GSUSA online shop.

#### For troop activities

Program Credits may be transferred to a troop bank account for qualifying activities or camps in which the troop is participating. With parent permission, leaders can submit the *Credit Request for Troop Activities Form*.

Note: Program Credits cannot be transferred to the troop for supplies or materials.

### To support other Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts can choose to donate any portion of their Program Credits to support the incredible local mission of Girl Scouting! Options are donations to support GSGI's mission, including funding memberships, uniforms, and camp projects. Donations can be submitted through the *Program Credit Donation Form*.

### **Program Credit expiration**

#### Credits earned during the 2024 Fall Product Program or the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program:

- Prior Program Credits expired on September 15, 2025 for Girl Scouts who were in Grades K-4 when they earned credits.
- - Qualifying rollover Program Credits are ideal for larger-scale Girl Scout camps or trips.
  - Program Credits will only expire if a Girl Scout has not re-registered by September 15 annually OR when they
    graduate from Girl Scouts.
- Girl Scouts in grades 5 and above must have renewed their membership for the 2025-2026 Girl Scout year by September 15, 2025, in order for Cookie Dough to roll over; otherwise, Cookie Dough and Munch Money earned in the 2024-2025 year expired on September 15, 2025.

#### Credits earned during the 2025 Fall Product Program or the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program:

- Program Credits will expire on **September 15, 2026** for Girl Scouts who were in <u>Grades K-4</u> when they earned credits.
- Credits will be <u>automatically saved</u> for Girl Scouts who were in grades 5-11 (including Juliettes) when they earned credits, as long as they have renewed their Girl Scout membership by **September 15, 2026**.
  - Qualifying rollover Program Credits are ideal for larger-scale Girl Scout camps or trips.
  - Program Credits will only expire if a Girl Scout has not re-registered by September 15 annually OR when they
    graduate from Girl Scouts.
- Girl Scouts in grades 5 and above must renew their membership for the 2026-2027 Girl Scout year by September 15, 2026, in order for Cookie Dough to roll over; otherwise, Cookie Dough and Munch Money earned in the 2025-2026 year will expire on September 15, 2026.

### **Just for Juliettes!**

- Juliettes, or individually registered Girl Scouts, can earn Munch Money, Cookie Dough, and Juliette Program Credits.
   Juliette Program Credits are issued in lieu of Troop Proceeds.
- ↑ Juliette Program Credits will not expire but will automatically roll over to the next membership year. Munch Money and Cookie Dough Credits will still expire annually on September 15 for Juliettes in grades K-4.
- Juliettes must renew their membership for the upcoming membership year by September 15, 2026, in order to roll over their Juliette Program Credits.
- Munch Money and/or Cookie Dough Credits will be deducted first, before Juliette Program Credits are utilized.

## Troop Proceeds versus individual rewards

- Program Credits (Cookie Dough, Munch Money, and Juliette Program Credits) are individually earned and maintained. Troop Proceeds are "owned" by the collective troop/group in a separate troop bank account, to be used for the purposes of Girl Scouting, benefiting the troop as a whole.
- Proceeds earned are shared, and troops should not record or allocate based on the amounts earned by each Girl Scout.