



SOAR 2017

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR GIRL MEMBERS

Please read these instructions carefully before filling in the SOAR trip application. This document provides important information on how to correctly complete the application as well as how your application will be assessed.

Application Forms

A complete application consists of:

- A completed Girl Member Application Form (parts A to G fully completed)
- Two completed reference forms (one from your Guider and one from outside of Guiding) *Both references must have reached the age of majority in the applicant's province and not be relatives of the applicant.

Girl Member Application Form

Please read all forms carefully and answer the questions specifically and completely. You can apply to more than one trip with one completed application. To do so you must complete Part G (Trip Interest) separately for each trip. Because the application form is printed for the selection process, please complete it electronically (and not by hand). Applicants may complete the form in either English or French.

Part A. Personal Information

- All sections must be completed for an application to be considered.

Part B. Participant Agreement

- Participant agreement must be read and signed, indicating applicant's understanding of her responsibilities if she is accepted for a provincially-sponsored trip.

Part C. Guarantee of Financial Responsibility

- All applicants must receive permission from their parent/guardian to apply.
- Incidentals that occur over and above the actual trip costs, such as telephone calls, meals en route, etc., are not covered by the CWFF and the applicant must agree to cover these costs.
- Fundraising by adult members of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada is not permitted as per the fundraising policy.
- Girl members are encouraged to fundraise for their part of the cost towards the trip.

Part D. References

- Names and contact information for your two references (who will fill out the associated reference forms) must be given. This is very important in the event that a reference form is not received for an application.

Part E. Self-evaluation

- Provide examples of how you have demonstrated each of the qualities or skills listed.

Part F. Relevant Experience

- In order to qualify for a provincially-sponsored trip, an applicant must:
 - 4 overnights under canvas (nonconsecutive). This experience in Guiding
 - Meet all physical requirements outlined on the event fact sheet
 - Have camping experience if a camp is involved
 - Have spent time away from her family.



Part G. Trip Interest

- An applicant must clearly answer all points in this section.
- The applicant's response must not exceed 600 words for all points in Part G.

Girl Member Reference Forms

Girl Reference Forms must be received separately from the member's application form. They should be emailed to: SOAR2017@guidesquebec.ca, returned before the deadline. The same reference forms may be used for more than one event within the same year. The person providing the reference should clearly indicate all the event names on the reference form. The applicant should choose a non-Guiding reference who has known her well enough and long enough to be able to evaluate her. The applicant should provide both her Guiding reference as well as her non-Guiding reference with the reference form, the Event Fact Sheet(s) and Reference Guidelines. It is strongly recommended that applicants choose a Guiding reference who is not related and who is familiar with her camping skills.

Application Process

Applicants should check with their province as to when application forms are due and ensure that they send their application in by this date – late applications will not be considered. Applicants should also ensure that their references know the application deadline and can forward the reference forms before this date. Applications will be assessed according to Parts E, F and G of the application form and the applicant's two reference forms. Applicants will be informed by the provincial office if they have been accepted for the event.

Note:

In order that as many members as possible have the opportunity to participate in provincially/nationally sponsored international events, members selected may participate in these events as follows:

Once as a girl
Once as an adult participating in a WAGGGS event or GGC determined endorsed event
Once as the Responsible Guider
In a designated role as determined by the Board, e.g. Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner, CEO

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