

# Specific Assistance Request Form

The goal of the Golden Spread Council is to promote and develop the Scouting program in all communities. Our Council has organized a ScoutReach Committee to ensure that Scouting is available to youth and adults in need. Because this committee has limited funds to meet these needs, only Golden Spread Council sponsored activities and camps can be supported. **In order to be considered for this assistance, this form must be completed and returned to your District Executive.**



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Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for approval. An effort should be made on the part of the family and the unit to help cover at least half of the requested expenses.

If this request is for Scout Shop merchandise, this completed form must be presented at checkout. If this request is for a campership, it must be attached to the completed registration form for that activity.

Name of Scout/Scouter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of Scout/Scouter requesting assistance)*

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) (if request is for Youth Member): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Uniform Information:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Den Number/Patrol Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Note:** Uniform requests must be accompanied by Advancement forms showing Bobcat or Tenderfoot achievement.
- In the last year, this unit participated in:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Card Sale
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Popcorn Sale
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Family Enrollment

This request is for: \_\_\_\_\_ BSA registration/insurance  
\_\_\_\_\_ assistance for an activity/camp (activity or camp: \_\_\_\_\_)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Uniform  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain below)

Explanation of need: (attach additional pages if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Total Amount Needed:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amount provided by family:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amount provided by unit:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amount provided by unit Charter Partner:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amount Requested of the ScoutReach Committee:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unless there are severe circumstances, the amount of assistance requested should be less than half of the total amount needed (the family, unit, and/or charter partner should be providing half or more of the amount needed)

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Relation to Scout/Scouter: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

District Executive's Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Executive's Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For uniform requests—please note that the uniform provided does not include pants/shorts. It can include the shirt, neckerchief, slide, hat, belt, and belt buckle. Council shoulder strip and unit numbers can be included.

*For office use only: When redeemed, attach copy of cash register receipt to this form and forward to bookkeeper with daily deposit. Once Scout Executive has approved, this form should be forwarded to the Scout Shop, as appropriate.*

# What is Specific Assistance?

Several years ago the Golden Spread Council created “Specific Assistance” as a way to provide Scouting programs to youth and adults who otherwise couldn’t afford it. Funding comes from such sources as the annual Friends of Scouting campaign, the Trails End Popcorn Sale, and the Camp Card Sale.

Specific Assistance is available to provide funding assistance to youth members for:

- BSA Registration fee & Accident Insurance
- Scout Handbook
- BSA Field Uniform
- Registration for Golden Spread Council activities and camps

When completing the request form, it is expected that the family will pay as much as possible for the need, with the unit being consulted as well.

To be eligible, the member’s unit should have participated in at least 2 of the following:

- Trails End Popcorn Sale
- Family Enrollment (Friends of Scouting)
- Camp Card Sale

Due to limited funds, Specific Assistance is unavailable for:

- Philmont
- National Jamboree
- Non-Golden Spread Council activities and camps
- Needs based on multiple children in the Scouting program (i.e. older son going to Philmont, younger son requests Specific Assistance for Summer Camp)

A request for Specific Assistance should be made by the parent or the unit leader (on the recipient’s behalf), and must be approved by the District Executive and Scout Executive. Requests for Specific Assistance are handled discretely and in confidence. Requests are generally approved within 2 weeks of receipt at the Scout Service Center. A parent or volunteer must sign the Specific Assistance form before it is sent to the Scout Service Center.

Specific Assistance Forms are available at the Scout Service Center and from the council webpage ([www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org)). For additional information, please see your District Executive or the Assistant Scout Executive (806-358-6500).