

2018 BackcountryGirls Application

Application Directions:

1. Thoughtfully complete this application form and hit "Send Form"
2. Ask a mentor (teacher, dean, family friend, religious leader, youth group leader, etc) to complete the online Mentor Recommendation Form. This form may NOT be completed by a parent/guardian or sibling.
3. Applications (including teacher recommendation) due by 11:59pm April 4, 2018. Late applications will not be considered.

For questions about your BackcountryGirls application, contact Taylor at tfeldman@mshinstitute.org.

Final BackcountryGirls selections will be made by Mount St. Helens Institute.

*** Required**

1. Applicant First Name *

2. Applicant Last Name *

3. In what city do you live? *

4. In what county do you live? *

5. What grade will you be in Fall 2018? *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ 9th Grade
- ☐ 10th Grade
- ☐ 11th Grade
- ☐ 12th Grade

6. Age *

7. School Name *

8. Email Address *

9. Confirm Email Address *

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

10. Parent or Guardian First Name *

11. Parent or Guardian Last Name *

12. Relationship to Applicant **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Parent
- ☐ Sibling
- ☐ Extended Family Member (grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin, etc)
- ☐ Non-Relative Legal Guardian
- ☐ Other:

13. Parent/Guardian Email *

14. Parent/Guardian Confirm Email *

15. Parent/Guardian Phone Number *

MENTOR RECOMMENDATION

This application requires one recommendation from a mentor. Your mentor must complete and submit the recommendation form online by 11:59, April 4, 2018. Below, list the mentor's name and email address who will be providing a recommendation for you.

16. Mentor Name *

17. Mentor Email *

18. Mentor Confirm Email *

APPLICATION PART 1: ABOUT YOU

Please answer the following short answers so we can better get to know you. Your answers to this section of the application will be used to evaluate your application individually to help us get a sense of your interest in GeoGirls and what impact GeoGirls could have on your life.

19. 1. Tell us about yourself. *

What do you do after school? What do you do on the weekends? What are your hobbies and interests?

20. 2. What 5 adjectives would your friends or family use to describe you? *

21. In what ways is nature a part of your life? *

Consider these questions: Why is nature important? Why is the natural world interesting to you? How do you have or want to have nature in your life?

22. 4. Describe your interest in BackcountryGirls. *

Why do you want to participate? What are you excited about?

23. 5. What are your strengths? *

What are you good at? What are the best qualities of your character?

24. 6. Imagine yourself 10 years from now. Who do you want to be? Describe yourself. *

25. 7. Why do you think participating in BackcountryGirls will have a big impact on your life? *

26. 8. Have you ever participated in an overnight program with your school or over the summer? *

If so, please describe in box below.

Check all that apply.

☐ Yes

☐ No

27. 9. Do you have previous camping or other outdoor experience? *

If yes, please describe in box below.

Check all that apply.

☐ Yes

☐ No

28.

APPLICATION PART 2

We are NOT looking for specific answers to these questions. We are asking these questions to help us get a sense of who you are which will enable us to build a diverse GeoGirls team.

29. 1. Rank the following statements based on how much you agree with them. *

When working in a group or as part of a team...

Mark only one oval per row.

	I completely agree! This is me.	I am like this sometimes.	This is usually not like me.	This is not like me at all!
I prefer to take charge.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident asking questions in front of others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident stating my opinion in front of others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to be the one that keeps the group organized.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to get my work done by myself. I am independent.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like presenting/public speaking.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

30. 2. When I am curious about something in class, I... *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Raise my hand and ask a question in front of the class.
- ☐ Research the question on my own.
- ☐ Ask my teacher later when there are not so many people around.
- ☐ Say nothing, but hope someone else asks about it.
- ☐ Other: _____

31. 3. How will you contribute to the diversity of our team? *

Remember that there are many aspects of diversity.

32. 4. I feel I can best be described as: **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ American Indian or First Nation
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Chinese, Japanese, Taiwanese, Korean
- ☐ Latina
- ☐ Mixed race (including Black, Latina, or American Indian/First Nation)
- ☐ Mixed race (not including Black, Latina, or American Indian/First Nation)
- ☐ Southeast Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other: _____

33. 5. What kind of neighborhood did you grow up in? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Inner city
- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Suburban
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Other: _____

34. 6. How would you describe your family's lifestyle? **Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Upper or upper middle class
- ☐ Middle class
- ☐ Lower middle or working class
- ☐ Other: _____

35. Do any of the following apply to you? **Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Daughter of a single parent
- ☐ Daughter of divorced parents
- ☐ Not living with parents
- ☐ Lived or currently live in foster care
- ☐ Coming from an active military family
- ☐ Recent immigrant
- ☐ First-generation American
- ☐ Lived or currently live on Indian reservation
- ☐ None of the above

FINAL THOUGHTS

We strive to create a safe and supportive space for girls of all types. Your answers to this section of the application will NOT affect BackcountryGirls selection decisions. We are asking these questions so that as we move forward with planning BackcountryGirls, we are able to provide whatever BackcountryGirls need to feel safe and supported.

36. 1. If selected to participate in BackcountryGirls, is there anything you are nervous or concerned about? Please describe.

37. 2. Do you have any special needs? If so, please describe.

38. 3. If selected, is there anything we can do for you to help you feel safe and supported?

NEXT STEPS

1. Press submit after you have reviewed your application.
2. Contact the teacher you selected to complete a recommendation form.
3. Please be patient while we review applications!

If you have any questions email tfeldman@mshinstitute.org