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Dear Justine:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Girls Guide to Careers for your Girl Scout Gold Award. It is evident that this project will give young girls easy accessibility to a wide range of knowledge on potential career paths and opportunities.

I joined Girl Scouts when I was just five years old and continued for the next thirteen years. Like you, I worked hard to receive my Gold Award with the hope that my actions would make substantial difference on the lives of other individuals. For this award, I implemented a music program between a local high school and senior assisted living facility. The program, *Music for the Memory*, enabled high school students to enhance their musical talents while gifting memory-impaired seniors with a bi-monthly musical performance which gave them peace—even if just for a few hours. Over the past four years, the program has grown to include students at the local middle school as well.

Now, as a second-year law student, I have found myself back to the Girl Scouts organization. I currently work as a legal extern for Girl Scouts of the USA located in New York, New York. In this role, I have performed work alongside the Office of General Counsel on intellectual property matters, including trademark prosecution, enforcement and licensing. I have also conducted substantial legal research and reviewed documentation on nonprofit issues and contract matters over the past 4 months.

My advice to young girls—whether their career path is decided or still pending—is to seek out mentors who can guide you. Perhaps your mentor has the job that you one day aspire to have or shares the same ideals and morals as you. From my experience, mentors have been instrumental in helping me decide which career path best fits my interests and goals. Achieving your “dream job” will not be easy, but it will be worth it, and people, including Girl Scouts both past and present, will be there to help you along the way.

Knowing what you want to be and how to get there can be daunting, but your Girl Scout Gold Award will inevitably make this easier. Not only does your project encourage female empowerment, but it reinforces the idea that girls and women can do everything and anything. I urge you to move forward with your project and wish you the best of luck in the future. If I can be of any assistance to the success of your award and/or your future endeavors, please do not hesitate to reach out. Good luck and congratulations for taking on this endeavor.

Best,

Rosalie