



## Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Award Program Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. When does the Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Award Program begin?

Entry forms for the 2009 Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Award Program will be accepted from September 1, 2008 through February 27, 2009. Submissions received after the deadline date will be entered in the 2010 competition.

### 2. What's required to enter the contest?

A nominee **must** be age 12 to 18 as of December 31, 2008. Additionally, the nominee must be enrolled in middle school or high school as of December 31, 2008. Finally, the nominee must be a US legal resident.

A submission to the contest **must** include the following components:

1. 250-word personal statement addressing your thoughts on entrepreneurship, business leadership, financial independence, or giving back to the community, typed on 8 ½ x 11 paper.
2. 750-word letter of recommendation endorsing you as an accomplished young entrepreneur, typed on 8 ½ x 11 paper, written by an adult (age 18 years and over) who must be a US legal resident.
3. One completed entry form/application signed by a parent/legal guardian and the nominator (postmarked by February 27, 2009).

Supporting documentation is optional (see Question 8 below for more information on Supporting Documentation.).

For a list of criteria in which submissions are judged, see Rule #3 in the "Official Rules" at [www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com](http://www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com)

### 3. When are submissions due?

Submissions must be postmarked **NO LATER** than February 27, 2009.

***NOTE: Please do not send submissions via registered mail or express service such as DHL, FedEx or other similar services. As long as the submission is postmarked by February 27, 2009, the submission will be accepted. No exceptions.***

### 4. Can a parent write the 750-word letter of recommendation?

Yes, a parent can write the letter of recommendation. Also, any adult such as a mentor, counselor, teacher, or friend can write the letter of recommendation as long as they are age 18 and over and a US legal resident.

**5. Can more than one letter of recommendation be submitted?**

Yes, more than one letter of recommendation can be included in one submission.

**6. Can more than one adult nominator submit a letter of recommendation?**

Yes, more than one adult nominator can submit a letter of recommendation, as long as they are an adult and a parent or legal guardian signs the entry form/application.

**7. Where should the submission be mailed?**

All parts of the application (entry form, personal statement, letter(s) of recommendation, and any supporting documentation) should be submitted in the same envelope and mailed to:

**The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America  
Attn: Girls Going Places® Entrepreneurship Award Program  
7 Hanover Square, H26-J  
New York, NY 10004**

**8. What types of supporting documentation are generally allowed?**

Supporting documentation can include the following (*list is not exhaustive*):

- Sample(s) related to the product or service the nominee offers
- Print material(s) related to the product or service the nominee offers (e.g., business cards, brochures, newsletters, etc.)
- Certificate(s) of achievement
- Local paper or news article(s) about the nominee and her achievements

Supporting documentation can be furnished in various formats including binders, CD's, DVD's, photos, powerpoints, video clips, etc.

***Note: submissions and supporting documentation will NOT be returned to applicants. For more information, check rule #6 of the Official Rules at [www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com](http://www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com)***

**8. When will notifications go out to applicants?**

Notifications to winners and finalists **only** will be mailed week of April 20, 2009 and before May 1, 2009. The names of winners and finalists will be posted **on or about** May 1, 2009 on [www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com](http://www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com). Remaining notifications will be mailed after May 31, 2009 and before June 30, 2009.

***Please refer to the "Official Rules" for full program information, requirements and criteria.***

***Visit [www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com](http://www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com) for official rules and entry form download***

