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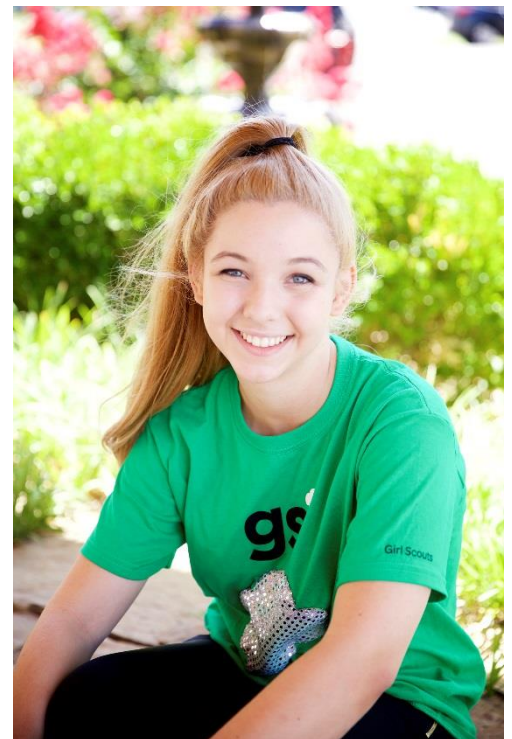
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Kansas Gold Award Recipient Wins National Scholarship and Recognitions

Maureen Botros selected as High School youth volunteer and Volunteer Service Award winner

WICHITA, Kan. – Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Gold Award recipient, Maureen Botros, was today named one of Kansas’ top two youth volunteers of 2018 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and qualified as an honoree of the President’s Volunteer Service Award. The Prudential award honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism while the President’s award recognizes those who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.

To receive her Gold Award, and qualifying her for other awards such as the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and President’s Volunteer Service Award, Botros established a series of weeklong technology camps aimed at elevating the conversation around girls’ success in STEM fields without compromising their feminine identity. “My passion is to address the gender gap in STEM through the development of new strategies to advance women’s empowerment and combat patriarchal norms that too often try to prevent women from realizing their potential,” Botros said.



The home-schooled High School senior attributes her growth into a leader and accomplished volunteer to Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. “Girl Scouts fosters a sisterhood of women and girls bonded by a shared aim to benefit their community through character development and service. Girl Scouts empowered me to take the initiative, to take action, to constantly ask ‘Why not me?’,” Botros said.

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About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 15,000 girls and adults in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.