



**Girls Inc. Elementary Fall Program FAQs  
September 21-December 18, 2020  
(excluding holidays)**

**of the Island City**

**How do I register?**

- Please go to our website at [www.girlsincislandcity.org](http://www.girlsincislandcity.org), and click on "Programs & Registration/Enrollment Forms" to find our registration forms
- Registration will begin on Friday, September 4 at 11am.
- Registration deadline is Thursday, September 10 at 6pm or until all spaces are filled, whichever occurs first.
- The forms are fillable PDFs. You need to **download/save** them to your computer **FIRST**, enter all of the information and **SAVE**, then email the completed forms to Natalie Duarte, [nduarte@girlsincislandcity.org](mailto:nduarte@girlsincislandcity.org).
- Please do not email forms back before Friday, September 4 at 11am or they will be counted at the end of the day on Friday, September 4.
- If you cannot fill out the forms online, please print them, fill them out by hand, drop them off (preferred) or mail them to:  
**Attention: Natalie Duarte, Girls Elementary Fall Registration  
Girls Inc. of the Island City  
1724 Santa Clara Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501**

**Where are you running the Girls Inc. Elementary Program?**

- We are running the program at our Meyers Center, 1724 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda.

**How many students can you accept?**

- We can accommodate 40 girls at the Meyers Center.

**What grades are you accepting?**

- We are accepting girls in first through fifth grade and at least 6 years old.

**Why are you only offering one care pattern?**

- We are offering a full-day program to accommodate working families at this time. Due to the staffing availability as well as minimizing multiple groups onsite everyday, we are only offering this one care pattern at this time.

**What is the cost of the fall program?**

- The total cost of the fall Girls Inc. Elementary program is \$3540. This covers only a portion of staff expenses and is \$7.50/hour.

**When will you confirm my enrollment?**

- We will confirm your enrollment status the week of September 8. Once we confirm your acceptance in the program, we will send you a few additional documents to fill out and we will ask that you pay at that time. Payment must be accepted before your child can attend the Girls Inc. Elementary Program.

### **When are payments due?**

- We are dividing program fees into three equal payments of \$1180.
  - The first payment of \$1180 will be due upon confirmation of placement in the program and before the first day of care on Monday, September 21.
  - The second payment of \$1180 will be due on November 2.
  - The third payment of \$1180 will be due on December 1.
  - We are accepting credit card payments this year (parents pay credit card fees).

### **Why is it more expensive than the usual Girls Inc.?**

- This price is \$95 more per week than our typical seven-hour daily summer camp and is one additional hour per day.
- We are running the program for 8 hours a day/40 hours a week and our number of staff has increased.
- Staff has to be trained to provide technology assistance.
- We had to increase our infrastructure to accommodate so many students working online at the same time.
- We are not charging parents for our additional expenses such as individual student items, separate group materials and sports equipment, PPE, and additional safety and hygiene materials.
- We are accepting credit card payments this year (parents pay credit card fees).
- A portion of this program is being underwritten by our fundraising efforts and donor support.

### **Why are you prioritizing essential workers?**

- Many afterschool programs supporting Alameda and AUSD made an agreement to prioritize essential worker families that had to go back to work and do not have the ability in their schedules to keep their child at home.

### **Why do I have to sign up for the entire fall (September 21-December 18, not including holidays)?**

- Current county guidelines require that groups of children must stay together in programs for a minimum of three weeks. By signing up for the fall, this minimizes the interaction of new children in different groups.

### **What if I only want the program for 2 or 3 days not the full week?**

- You still need to sign up for the entire fall program but you do not have to send your child every day. However, you will still pay the full price since, per county guidelines, we cannot mix groups or add additional children to a group to fill the spot on a day your child does not attend. Under these circumstances, our programs will not be prorated.

### **What will happen if school reopens in-person during the 2020-21 school year?**

- When/If school returns in-person for this school year, families that are registered during this fall period will have priority to register at their own school site where we regularly pick up for the Girls Inc. program (Franklin, Love, and Maya Lin) and other families will have the opportunity to register at that time for the additional spaces. We are not running van pick up from Paden, NEA, or Ruby Bridges this school year.

**Why are there so many rules? My child doesn't want to wear a mask all-day.**

- We must adhere to all the safety guidelines set forth by the county and the state to keep our staff and students safe and healthy. This includes wearing masks according to the guidelines as well as following handwashing and other safety guidelines. Anyone who cannot adhere to the guidelines risks being removed from the program potentially without a refund.

**Are you checking to make sure my child does all their school work?**

- Our staff are not trained teachers but to the best of their ability, staff will assist students with getting online and answering basic questions. However, parents are ultimately responsible for making sure all of their child's daily assignments are completed and turned in on time. Additionally, if a child is refusing to do their work, we will encourage them to do it but we will not force them. We will inform parents at the end of the day if their child refused to do their school work.