

**Application for
Girl Advisory Member to the Board of Directors
2025-2026**

Girl Advisory Members will serve a one-year term and represent all of the Girl Scouts of Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, Inc. A qualified nominee will have an understanding of the broad scope and vision of Girl Scouting; will be able to represent council wide concerns; will gather input from council members; will act with integrity and for the primary interests and needs of girls; and will actively participate in explaining, interpreting and building support for the decisions and actions of the Board of Directors. Furthermore, will be a currently registered girl member in GSUSA and GSSEF at the time of application and age 14 by February 1, 2026.

If selected, the Girl Advisory Member's term of service will run from **February 2026-February 2027**.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone

Girl Email:

Age:

Grade:

School

Why do you want to serve as a Girl Advisory Member to the Board of Directors?

How would you gather input and opinions from other Girl Scouts and share what you learned at Board meetings with other Girl Scouts?

Have you ever participated in the governing body of a non-profit or charitable organization before?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, tell us about it.

Are you willing to fulfill all of the responsibilities in the job description attached?

Yes ☐ No ☐

What recognitions have you earned from Girl Scouts? (e.g. Gold Award, Silver Award, Bronze Award, PA, or LIT) Check all that apply.

Gold Award ☐

Silver Award ☐

Bronze Award ☐

PA ☐

LIT ☐

What Council-wide events or committees have you participated in? Please describe your participation.

Have you represented Girl Scouts to any outside organizations? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please describe.

Please provide any other comments that will help the Board Development Committee determine who would best represent the girls on the Council Board of Directors.

PLEASE PRINT THIS DOCUMENT AND SIGN BEFORE RETURNING.

This portion of the application must be completed, signed and returned by end of day **November 10, 2025:**

Girl Scout Applicant Approval: I have reviewed the application and position description for the Girl Advisory Member to the Board of Directors; I understand the time commitment and responsibilities involved should I be selected to serve in this role. I would like to be considered for a Girl Advisory Member to the Board of Directors and I will make every effort to attend all Board Meetings, fully participate and represent the girl members of GSSEF.

I can serve my full-term **February 2026-February 2027.**

Girl Scout Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Approval: I have reviewed the application and position description for the Girl Advisory Member to the Board of Directors; I understand the time commitment and responsibilities involved should my child be selected to serve in this role. My child has permission to serve in this role if selected and I will ensure her necessary transportation necessary to attend Board of Director meetings in-person, as well as other required Board of Directors' events.

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Relationship to this applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to:

Board Development Committee

EMAIL: alaoretti@gssef.org

Girl Advisory Members to the GSSEF Board of Directors are expected to understand the role of the Board of Directors and the responsibilities. Girl advisors are non-voting members of the Board of Directors who provide the “girl” perspective on issues that relate to Girl Scouting.

The Role of a Board Member

Board members must:

- Accept the basic beliefs and principles that support the organization
- Become registered members of the Girl Scout movement

Board members are responsible for:

- Assuring that the beliefs and principles of the movement and the council's total needs are reflected in the decisions they make
- Participating actively in developing the council's financial resources by making a significant personal financial contribution and by influencing contributions from others
- Understanding the budget-building process as it relates to council goals and objectives and to financial reports and the annual audit.

Board members are expected to:

- Attend a majority of the Board meetings
- Be actively engaged throughout the year in some aspect of the Council's fund development program
- Serve on at least one Standing Committee or task force
- Support the council through an annual leadership gift commitment
- Accept and support majority board decisions despite personal opinion to the contrary
- Respect and maintain confidentiality
- Relinquish operational management functions while a member of the Board of Directors

Major functions of the Board:

- Fulfilling charter and corporate obligations
- Policy-making
- Fund development
- Strategic planning
- Financial management
- Relating to the Chief Executive Officer
- Interacting with the community

The Board is accountable to:

- The corporation - Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, Inc.
- The National Board of Directors of GSUSA
- Local, state and federal governments
- The communities it serves



2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates

Saturday, February 21, 2026: Annual Meeting & Board Orientation (9a-2:30p, GSSEF HQ)

Monday, April 6, 2026: (via Zoom)

Monday, June 15, 2026 (via Zoom)

Monday, August 24, 2026: Budget Approval (via Zoom)

Monday, October 5, 2026 (via Zoom)

December 1, 2026 (*Tentative Date; Location TBD*)

Tuesday, January 19, 2027 (via Zoom)

Saturday, February 20, 2027: Annual Meeting & Board Orientation

Except where indicated, all meetings begin at 6 p.m., via Zoom