

NOTIFICATION FOR ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida (aka GSSEF, aka Council) is now welcoming applications for adult members and girl members (at least 14 years of age by February 19, 2022) who wish to be considered for service and representation as National Council Delegates to the 56th National Council Session to be held in July 2023 in Orlando, Florida.

Every three years, the members of the corporation of Girl Scouts of the USA gather at a central location to conduct the business of the National Council. Each Girl Scout Council, according to the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, as defined in the Blue Book of Basic Documents, elects Delegates from the Council to the National Council Session. GSUSA determines the number of Delegates each Council may elect per *The Blue Book of Basic Documents* (Edition 2021, Bylaws Article IV, #5 Formula for Delegates.) At the time this packet was created, the final number of Delegates for our Council had not yet been assigned.

Individual members who wish to apply and be considered by the GSSEF Board Development Committee as a National Council Delegate must meet the following initial requirements:

- A citizen of the United States of America;
- A currently registered member of the Girl Scout Movement;
- A currently registered member of the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, in good standing;
- Be 14 years of age or older, as of February 19, 2022;
- Attend the National Council Session in person in July 2023;
- Committed to continuous and uninterrupted organizational membership in the 21/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 Girl Scout membership years;
- Committed to seek out and represent the points of view of various groups;
- Committed to prepare thoroughly on the issues and business that will come before the National Council Session; and
- Agree to a three (3) year term as a National Council Delegate.

GSSEF will pay the registration fees to attend both the National Council Session and subsequent convention, plus hotel accommodations for four nights based on double occupancy, for each elected National Council Delegate and at least two Alternate Delegates. Additionally, GSSEF provides one official polo-style shirt and name tag for all National Council Delegates and Alternate Delegates. GSSEF National Council Delegates (and Alternate Delegates) are responsible for providing their own meals; however, some meals during the National Council Session are provided by GSUSA, at no additional cost. GSSEF provides one dedicated staff member to serve as the official chaperone for girl members who are elected as National Council Delegates. At the time of this packet, GSSEF had not yet established if group transportation options will be offered or if transportation costs will be offset in any way by the Council.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE and ALTERNATE DELEGATE 2021

Position:	National Council Delegate/Alternate Delegate
Purpose:	<p>To represent the Council as a voting member at the triennial meeting of the National Council Session; as well as any other meetings scheduled for National Council Delegates during the triennium.</p> <p>Additionally, in hearing presentations and taking part in discussions on non-action items, National Council Delegates fulfill their mandate to give guidance to the direction of the work of the National Board of Directors until the next session of the National Council. Delegates to the National Council carry responsibility for determining the direction Girl Scouting will take throughout the movement.</p>
Nominated by:	Council Board Development Committee
Elected by:	Council Delegate Members
Accountability:	Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida (a.k.a. Council)
Term:	Three years: February 2022 – February 2025 (Council's Annual Meeting)

Principal Duties:

- Attend all meetings scheduled to provide orientation and preparation prior to the National Council Session.
- Become thoroughly informed on the current state of the Council, as it pertains to proposals and discussions expected at the National Council Session.
- Understand the contents of the National Council Session Workbook (that includes proposals and scheduled discussions) to be well informed on the issues and procedures for National Council Session meetings.
- Be conversant on issues and willing to gather feedback from members about such issues that will be shared with the other National Council Delegates.
- Be informed on the Council's point of view on proposals and discussions expected at the National Council Session, but vote independently on what he/she believes to be the in the best interest of Girl Scouting nationally.
- Know the rules and parliamentary procedure and how to apply them in National Council Session meetings.

Principal Duties, continued:

- Attend all meetings of the National Council Session.
- Report on the activities and actions of the National Council Session to other members in Service Units or Council meetings, as requested.
- Maintain continuous and uninterrupted organizational membership for the three-year term.

Responsibilities:

- Approve the agenda and standing rules of the meetings.
- Vote on constitutional amendments.
- Elect officers and members-at-large of the National Board of Directors.
- Listen to and assessing stewardship reports.
- Hear presentations and take part in discussions on non-action items, such as reports on innovation and progress in areas that could include program design, membership initiatives, and corporate management, communications, or fund development.
- Participate in floor debates.
- Vote on proposals submitted by councils and the National Board of Directors.

Accountabilities:

- Attend the GSSEF Annual Meeting, in person, on February 19, 2022.
- Attend the National Council Session, in person, July 2023 in Orlando Florida (including travel on the day prior to the opening session and afternoon of the day immediately following the conclusion of the closing session).
- Abide by the Girl Scout Uniform Dress Code at the Council's Annual Meeting, all meetings of the National Council Session and in any scheduled meeting where the National Council Delegate/Alternate is representing the role within the Council's jurisdiction.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE and ALTERNATE DELEGATE ADULT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Service Unit: _____

<<no nicknames>>

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Years registered as an adult member: _____ Years registered as girl member: _____

1. Will you be at least 14 years of age by February 19, 2022? No ☐ Yes ☐
2. Are you a U.S. citizen? (Required by our Congressional Charter, not GSUSA policy) No ☐ Yes ☐
3. Have you ever served in the elected role of Service Unit Delegate, Member of the Board Development Committee and/or Member of the Board of Directors in any Girl Scout Council?

Service Unit Delegate	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Year(s) and Service Unit: _____
Member of the Board Development Committee	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Year(s) and Council: _____
Member of the Board of Directors	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Years(s) and Council: _____
4. Have you ever attended a Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida Annual Meeting?

Service Unit Delegate	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Year(s) and Service Unit: _____
Visitor	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Year(s): _____
Staff Member	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Years(s): _____
5. Have you ever attended a GSUSA National Council Session?

National Delegate	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Year(s): _____
National Alternative Delegate	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Year(s): _____
Visitor	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Years(s): _____
Staff Member	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Years(s): _____
6. List all positions held within Girl Scouting (include titles, terms of service, dates, and Council names).
7. Describe the skills, experience, and competencies you have that will help you in the role of National Council Delegate.
8. What do you think is the most important responsibility of a National Council Delegate, and why?
9. Describe a situation when you spoke in support or opposition of an issue, in a group setting. What was the outcome of the situation? Did your opinion and insights influence the outcome or decision?
10. Provide two non-related adult references who are familiar with your skills, experience, and competencies. Include full name, day phone number, email address and in what capacity this person knows you.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO: customercare@gssef.org **BY NOVEMBER 8, 2021, by 11:59PM**

