

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 15, 2025) who wish to be considered for service and representation as National Council Delegates to the 57th National Council Session to be held in July 20- 25, 2026 in Washington, DC.

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:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America (Required by our Congressional Charter, not GSUSA policy);
- Be a currently registered member of the Girl Scout Movement;
- Be a currently registered member of the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, in good standing;
- Be 14 years of age or older, as of February 15, 2025;
- Are committed to continuous and uninterrupted organizational membership for the 23/24, 24/25, 25/26, and 26/27 Girl Scout membership years;
- Agree to attend the National Council Session in person in Washington DC in July 2026;
- Agree to seek out and represent the points of view of various groups;
- Agree to prepare for the business that will come before the National Council Session; and
- Agree to a three (3) year term as a National Council Delegate.

For each elected National Council Delegate and at least two Alternate Delegates, GSSEF will:

- Provide one dedicated staff member to serve as the official adult chaperone for elected girl members;
- Register and pay the registration fees to attend both the National Council Session and subsequent convention;
- Select carrier and pay for air travel, with intent to travel as a group, leaving from (and returning to) either the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport (FLL) or the Palm Beach International Airport (PBI);
- Select hotel property, register, and pay for accommodations for at least four nights (based on double occupancy); and
- Design, order, and pay for one official shirt and name tag.

National Council Delegates and Alternate Delegates are responsible for providing/paying for their own meals; however, some meals during the National Council Session may be provided by GSUSA.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE and ALTERNATE DELEGATE

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| 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 2025 – February 2028 (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 assess 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 15, 2025 in Lake Worth.
- Attend the National Council Session, in person, July 2026 in Washinton, DC (this may include 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

Full Name: _____ DOB (xx/xx/xxxx): _____
<<no nicknames>>

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Service Unit: _____ Troop: _____
<<only if applicable>>

Years registered as an adult member: _____ Years registered as girl member: _____ <<only if applicable>>

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? (Required by our Congressional Charter, not GSUSA policy) No ☐ Yes ☐
2. 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 ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s) and Service Unit: _____
Member of the Board Development Committee No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s) and Council: _____
Member of the Board of Directors No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s) and Council: _____
3. Have you ever attended a Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida Annual Meeting?
Service Unit Delegate No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s) and Service Unit: _____
Visitor No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____
Staff Member No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____
4. Have you ever attended a GSUSA National Council Session?
National Delegate No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____
National Alternative Delegate No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____
Visitor No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____
Staff Member No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____

Submit the following answers to #5-9 on a separate paper; submit with this cover sheet:

5. List all positions held within Girl Scouting (include titles, terms of service, dates, and Council names).
6. Describe the skills, experience, and competencies you have that will help you in the role of National Council Delegate.
7. What do you think is the most important responsibility of a National Council Delegate, and why?
8. 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?
9. Provide two non-related adult references who are familiar with your skills, experience, and competencies. Include full names, day or cell phone numbers, email addresses and the capacity these people know you.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO: customer care@gssef.org BY OCTOBER 21, 2024, by 11:59PM

**NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE and ALTERNATE DELEGATE
GIRL APPLICATION**

Full Name: _____ DOB (xx/xx/xxxx): _____
<<no nicknames>>

Address: _____ Current school grade: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____

Troop Number: _____ Service Unit: _____ Years registered as girl member: _____

Adult Contact Name: _____

Adult Cell Phone: _____ Adult Home Phone: _____

Adult Email: _____

1. Will you be at least 14 years of age by February 15, 2025? 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 or Girl Member of the Board of Directors in any Girl Scout Council?
Service Unit Delegate No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s) and Service Unit: _____
Girl Member of the Board of Directors No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s) and Council: _____
4. Have you ever attended a Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida Annual Meeting?
Service Unit Delegate No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s) and Service Unit: _____
Visitor No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____
5. Have you ever attended a GSUSA National Council Session?
National Delegate No ☐ Yes ☐ Year(s): _____
Visitor No ☐ Yes ☐ Years(s): _____

Submit the following answers to #6-12 on a separate paper; submit with this cover sheet:

6. Why do you want to be a National Council Delegate?
7. Describe some experiences that you believe will help you as a National Council Delegate.
8. List your other non-Girl Scout volunteer involvement at school, place of worship, organizations, clubs, etc.
9. What do you think is the most important responsibility of a National Council Delegate, and why?
10. 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 opinions and insights influence the outcome or decision?
11. If you have earned the Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards, please share the details about your project(s) here.
This is not a requirement. If you did not earn these awards, you may skip this question.
12. Provide two non-related adult references who are familiar with your skills, experience, and competencies. Include full names, day or cell phone numbers, email addresses and the capacity these people know you.

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