



Application for Girl Advisory Member to the Board of Directors

2027–2028 Term

Your voice belongs at the table.

Girl Advisory Members are non-voting members of the GSSEF Board of Directors who bring the girl perspective into Board discussions while gaining firsthand experience with nonprofit governance and leadership.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants must:

- be a currently registered girl member of Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida (GSSEF) at the time of application;
- be at least 14 years old by February 20, 2027;
- be able to serve the full term from February 2027 through February 2028; and
- be willing to fulfill the responsibilities and meeting expectations described in this application.

What Does a Girl Advisory Member Do?

- Learn how the GSSEF Board of Directors works and see nonprofit governance in action.
- Review Board materials before meetings and come prepared to listen, ask questions, and participate in discussions.
- Share a girl perspective on governance and strategic topics being considered by the Board.
- Represent the interests and perspectives of girls across GSSEF.
- Respect confidentiality and support Board decisions, even when individual opinions may differ.

You do not need to already understand Board governance to apply.

Girl Advisory Members participate in the Board Kickoff in February, where they learn more about the Board, their role, and what to expect during the year.

Tell Us About You

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Girl Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

We want to hear your own thoughts and learn what you would bring to the Board. Please answer the questions below in a few sentences.

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Girl Advisory Member to the Board of Directors? What do you hope to contribute or learn?

2. What is something you think GSSEF's adult leaders should understand about being a Girl Scout today?

3. Girl Advisory Members are encouraged to ask questions, share ideas, and participate in Board discussions. How comfortable are you speaking up and sharing your perspective in a group of adults?

☐ Very comfortable ☐ Usually comfortable ☐ A little nervous, but willing to try ☐ Not very comfortable yet

Optional: Is there anything that would help you feel more comfortable participating in Board meetings?

Your Experience

The information below helps the Board Development Committee learn more about your experiences and interests. Previous Board or nonprofit governance experience is not required.

Girl Scout recognitions earned (check all that apply):

☐ Gold Award ☐ Silver Award ☐ Bronze Award ☐ PA ☐ LIT ☐ Other: _____

What Council-wide Girl Scout activities, teams, committees, leadership opportunities, or events have you participated in?

Have you represented GSSEF in the community or with another organization?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please briefly describe:

Tell us about school or community activities, clubs, leadership positions, volunteer roles, or other interests you would like us to know about.

Is there anything else you would like the Board Development Committee to know as it considers your application?

2027–2028 Board Meeting Dates

Please review the draft schedule carefully. Regular attendance and participation are important parts of this role. Schedule is a draft and subject to change.

Saturday, February 20, 2027: Annual Meeting & Board Kickoff (9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., GSSEF HQ)

Monday, April 5, 2027: via Zoom

Monday, June 21, 2027: via Zoom

Monday, August 30, 2027: Budget Approval, via Zoom

Monday, October 4, 2027: via Zoom

December 7, 2027: Location TBD

Tuesday, January 18, 2028: via Zoom

Saturday, February 26, 2028: Annual Meeting & Board Kickoff (9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., GSSEF HQ)

Except where indicated, all meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Application deadline: Monday, November 9, 2026, by end of day.

Commitment & Signatures

Girl Scout Applicant Approval

I have reviewed this application, the responsibilities of a Girl Advisory Member, and the draft Board meeting schedule. I understand the time commitment involved and, if selected, will make every effort to attend Board meetings, prepare in advance, participate in discussions, and represent the girl members of GSSEF. I am able to serve the full term from February 2027 through February 2028.

Girl Scout Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Approval

I have reviewed this application, the responsibilities of a Girl Advisory Member, and the draft Board meeting schedule. I understand the time commitment involved and give permission for my child to serve in this role if selected. I will support her participation, including transportation to required in-person meetings and events.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return completed application to:

Board Development Committee | Attn: Anna Laoretti | alaoretti@gssef.org