

**NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE  
POSITION DESCRIPTION AND EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT  
56<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION July 18-20, 2023**

**Terms and Responsibilities**

National Council Delegates shall serve a term of three years from the date of their election, or until their successors are elected. The National Council is authorized to:

- Elect the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee
- Amend the constitution
- Establish requirements for credentials
- Act on proposals
- Influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board

**Meet the Following Requirements**

- Be a currently registered member of the Girl Scout Movement in the United States, member of Gulfcoast council, and a citizen of the United States
- Be 14 years of age or older at the time of the National Council Session
- Be able to attend the National Council Session July 18-20, 2023 in Orlando, FL
- Be able to serve the three-year term from date of election, or until successor elected
- Be able to represent the points of view of various ethnic, racial, educational, civic, religious, and socioeconomic groups
- Be able to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement
- Be able to demonstrate good communication skills and ability to collect input from local stakeholders
- Be able to demonstrate objectivity and flexibility when analyzing issues from a national as well as council perspective as decisions have Movement-wide implications
- Be able to demonstrate experience and/or interest in policy-influencing and policy-making, and demonstrate knowledge of Girl Scouting
- Be able to commit to attending Gulfcoast council and GSUSA training sessions to be as informed as possible about the issues and democratic process utilized at the National Council Session
- Be able to support all the decisions of the National Council and to educate Gulfcoast council members about the decisions made
- Alternate Delegates must be able to make the same commitments, in the event a Delegate is unable to serve

## Delegate and Alternate Delegate Expectations Agreement & Consent

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), understand my role and responsibilities as a National Council Delegate and Alternate and commit to representing Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. council and carrying out the following for the three year term:

### Duties of a Delegate and Alternate

1. In advance of the National Council Session, delegates and alternates take personal responsibility to:
  - Use the National Council Delegate website throughout the triennium to stay informed about the business of the Movement.
  - Study all items on the agenda, including background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
  - Study the National Council Session Workbook in order to be well-informed on procedures and appropriate conduct while at the National Council Session.
  - Participate in any teleconferences or webinars conducted by council or GSUSA.
  - Obtain a broad array of opinions of girl and adult members from all parts of the council.
  - Familiarize myself with the contents of the current Blue Book of Basic Documents (2021).
  - Develop a basic understanding of parliamentary procedure and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
  
2. While attending the National Council Session, delegates and alternates are responsible for:
  - Attending all meetings and being fully prepared to participate in discussions and vote on all business items according to delegate or alternate position.
  - Planning in collaboration with the CEO, Gulfcoast Board of Directors President, and other delegates and alternates the information to be gathered at the National Council Session and the kinds of reports that will be made to the council.
  
3. Upon returning from the National Council Session, delegates and alternates are prepared to:
  - Report on National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions to the Gulfcoast Board of Directors and to the council's membership as requested.
  - Share insights on information gained at the National Council Session.
  - Assist the council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session.
  - Participate in teleconferences / webinars and other opportunities.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian consent print name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian consent: I/We understand the responsibilities of a National Council Delegate or Alternate outlined above to which my child/ward has committed and give permission for acceptance of this role and access to Delegate Website on the Mighty Networks platform which has its own set of terms and condition and privacy policy.



## National Council Delegate Application Term: Election Date 2022-Annual Meeting 2025

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**NAME**

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be age 14 years or older as of June 1, 2022?**  Yes  No (you are ineligible to apply)

**U.S. Citizen?**  Yes  No (National Council delegates must be United States citizens – required by Congressional Charter)

**GIRL SCOUT EXPERIENCE**

**# of years** \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Unit** \_\_\_\_ / **Troop #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Why are you interested in serving as a National Delegate for Gulfcoast council?**

**Describe how you demonstrate flexibility and adapt to changing situations – especially when new information is presented.**

## Applicant Self-evaluation Matrix

The following skills are required of a successful National Council delegate. Review your experiences and activities, rate your ability, and provide examples of how you may have demonstrated these skills. Use the following scale:

- 1 – This is an area where I know I need to learn and practice.
- 2 – I am eager to participate in training to develop my skills.
- 3 – I have some skills/experience, but still need to develop in this area.
- 4 – I understand my skills in this area and know when I need to ask for help.
- 5 – This is where I shine.

SKILL	RATING	EXAMPLES
<b>Strategic Thinking:</b> Demonstrates ability to contemplate long-term goals and objectives that advance the Movement as a whole and is future-focused.		
<b>Communication:</b> Expresses ideas and facts in a clear manner.		
<b>Experience in Policy-influencing or Policymaking:</b> Has participated in local council policy influencing or decision-making meetings; able to listen to different points of view from the membership and effectively summarize those ideas.		
<b>Knowledge of Girl Scouting (local and national):</b> Has experience in many levels and areas of Girl Scouting.		
<b>Decision-making:</b> Ability to analyze issues from a council and national perspective; demonstrates ability to weigh options and consider ramifications.		
<b>Adaptability:</b> Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward; comes to the session informed, but not instructed.		
<b>Teambuilding:</b> Promotes partnerships and has a commitment to the team approach; will support decisions of the National Council.		
<b>Listening/Representation:</b> Demonstrates ability to listen to others and collect input from all stakeholders.		

**What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve as a National Delegate?**

**How do you feel you can engage with other members to get their thoughts on agenda items for the meeting?**

**REFERENCES (2) – non-related adult references who are familiar with skills and abilities**

Name	Email

- I agree to utilize email and the Delegate Website to receive information and communicate electronically.
- I am willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of a National Council Delegate at the National Council Session (July 18-20, 2023) in Orlando, Florida as stated on the Position Description and Expectations Agreement if elected for the 3-year term and to represent Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. council as an informed delegate or alternate.
- My signed Position Description and Expectations Agreement is attached to this application.
- I certify that all information provided is true and accurate and give permission to contact references listed above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Guardian Signature for approval (if applicant is 18 or under)

Date \_\_\_\_\_