



**NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE
POSITION DESCRIPTION AND EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT
58th NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION July 20-25, 2026**

Application, Expectations and Matrix (5 pages) due: Dec 12, 2024

Email submission only: marieg@gsgcf.org

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 on January 23, 2025 election date
- Be able to attend the National Council Session July 20-25, 2026 in Washington, DC, and travel days July 19 and July 26
- Be able to serve the 3-year term from date of election 2025-2028, 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 and preparation sessions to be as informed as possible prior to the National Council Session
 - Time commitment: approximately 3-hours per month from February-July 2025, 10-hours per month leading up to the National Council Session in 2026, and then 2-3 hours per month through end of the term
- 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 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. Throughout the three-year term, delegates and alternates take personal responsibility to:
 - Register and regularly connect to the National Council Delegate website for news and updated communications 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.
 - Complete training which includes self-paced online modules and virtual and in-person sessions.
 - 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 all webinars conducted by council or GSUSA and provide decision-influencing input as requested.
 - Actively gather and consider a broad spectrum of opinions of girl and adult members from all parts of the council and across the Movement.
 - Familiarize myself with the contents of the current Blue Book of Basic Documents.
 - Develop a basic understanding of parliamentary procedure and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

2. During the National Council Session, delegates and alternates are responsible to:
 - Attend all meetings and be fully prepared to participate in discussions and vote on all business items according to delegate or alternate position.
 - Plan 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 our council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session.
 - Participate in any teleconferences, webinars and other opportunities.

Date _____ Signature _____

Applicant print name _____

Date _____ Guardian Signature _____

Guardian print name _____

Guardian consent for Delegates/Alternates under 18: I/We understand the responsibilities of a National Council Delegate or Alternate outlined above and give permission for acceptance of this role in Girl Scouting 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
3-Year Term: Jan 23, 2025-Annual Meeting 2028
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Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Troop # _____ Service Unit _____ # year Girl Scout _____

I will be age 14 years or older as of Jan 23, 2025 ____ (No = ineligible to apply)

I am a U.S. Citizen ____ (No = ineligible; National Council delegates must be United States citizens required by Congressional Charter)

Share your Girl Scout experiences

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.

How do you believe your experiences within Girl Scouts prepare you to think strategically about the future of the Movement?

How do you feel you can engage with other members to get their diverse perspectives and effectively summarize them?

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

Name	Email and Phone

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 2026) in Washington, DC 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 _____.

Date _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Guardian Signature _____

Guardian print name _____

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