

## Application for 2025-2028 GSNI-M National Council Delegate

The 58th National Council Session / convention of the Girl Scouts of the USA will be held in Washington, D.C. in 2026. GSNI-M has four (4) delegates and up to four (4) alternate openings, as prescribed by a formula established by the Girl Scouts of the USA. The Board Development Committee (BDC) will review applications and conduct follow-up interviews if needed to select a slate of delegates and alternates. National Council Session (NCS) Delegates are elected at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 26, 2025. ***The deadline for application submissions is January 15, 2025.***

### NCS delegates and alternates are required to:

- Serve as a National Council Delegate for the next three (3) years and be willing to attend any additional National Meetings
- Attend orientation and preparation meetings prior to the National Council Meetings, including webinars
- Be willing to present the 2026 NCS proposals to council membership, including but not limited to the **2026** Annual Celebration Event / Annual Meeting
- Plan to attend all 2026 National Council Sessions in Washington, D.C.
- Be willing to report back to council membership, including, but not limited to the **2027** GSNI-M Annual Celebration Event / Annual Meeting
- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Be a registered member of the Girl Scouts and fourteen (14) years of age or older by April 26, 2025.

GSNI-M will pay the National Council Session/Convention registration fee, transportation fee, shared hotel fee for three (3) nights, and meals during NCS for elected delegates.

\* Required

### Application Information

*Please complete the following information to be considered for a National Delegate position for GSNI-M.*

1. First Name \*

2. Last Name \*

3. Home Email Address \*

4. Street Address \*

5. City \*

6. State \*

7. Zip Code \*

8. Cell/Mobile Phone \*

9. Home Phone Number (not cell/mobile) Enter N/A if none

10. Work Phone Number (not cell/mobile) Enter N/A if none

11. Check One: \*

- ☐ Girl Scout Senior
- ☐ Girl Scout Ambassador
- ☐ Girl Scout Adult

12. If you are a girl member, will you be 14 years of age or older by April 26, 2025?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## Applicant Experience and Self-Evaluation

**Selection Criteria:** While the GSNI-M Board Development Committee will consider a number of factors in making its ultimate selection, the committee will also specifically seek candidates that model one or more of the characteristics and skills outlined below, with no one or combination of characteristics and skills being weighted more than the others. 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.

13. Describe your knowledge of Girl Scouting at the local and national level, including any relevant Girl Scout Positions you have held. \*

14. Use the following scale: \*

	This is an area where I know I need to learn and practice.	I am eager to participate in training to develop my skills.	I have some skills/experience, but still need to develop in this area3	I understand my skill s in this area and know when I need to ask for help.	This is where I am the most confident.
<b>Strategic Thinking:</b> Demonstrates ability to contemplate long-term goals and objectives that advance the Movement as a whole and is future-focused.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Communication:</b> Expresses ideas and facts in a clear manner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Experience in Policy-influencing or Policy-making:</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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Knowledge of Girl Scouting (local and national):</b> Has experience in many levels and areas of Girl Scouting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Decision-making:</b> Ability to analyze issues from a council and national perspective; demonstrates ability to weigh options and consider ramifications.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Adaptability:</b> Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward; comes to the session informed, but not instructed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Teambuilding:</b> Promotes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- partnerships and has a commitment to the team approach; will support decisions of the National Council.
15. ...les that demonstrate success for skills that you rated 4 or 5. \*

**Listening/Representation:**

- Demonstrates ability to listen to others and collect input from all stakeholders.
16. ...experience prepare you to think strategically about the future of the Girl ...nt? \*

17. What is your experience in policy-making and policy-influencing discussions? \*

18. What experience do you have in creating opportunities to hear diverse perspectives and effectively summarizing those ideas? \*

19. Why are you interested in serving as a national delegate for our council? \*

20. Have you been a delegate in the past? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

21. Are you willing to assist with finances for the NCS / Convention trip if the council faces budget constraints? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Applicant Requirements and Acknowledgement

Each individual elected by GSNI-M as a delegate to the National Council holds a three-year term and takes personal responsibility to:

- Study all items on the agenda, including background information and recommendation of the National Board of Directors, and fully prepare to participate in discussions.
- Attend briefings, training meetings and teleconference/webinars conducted by the council and/or the national organization.
- When requested, participate in any meetings scheduled to engage opportunities to discuss, learn and share ideas with GSNI-M members for movement-wide decision making.
- Obtain a broad array of the opinions of adult and older girl members from all parts of the council.
- Report at the council's Annual Meeting, to the council board of directors, and the council's constituency (as requested) on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions.

22. By typing my full name below, I acknowledge that I meet the requirements of GSUSA as listed above and I am willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of a National Council delegate if elected. \*

23. By typing my full name below, I acknowledge: 1) my Girl Scout minor meets the requirements of GSUSA as listed above and is willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of a National Council delegate if elected and 2) I will provide support for this experience.

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