

Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council National Delegate Position Description 2025-2028

National Delegates serve as Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council's (GSSGC) voting members on the National Council. Throughout their three-year term, they gather feedback from members of our Council, learn about proposals, and act as GSSGC's voice on the National Council. Delegates share insights and report on actions taken by the National Council to our membership at our Annual Meeting and other Council events.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

National Council Delegates and Alternates must:

- Be a citizen of the United States (as required by the GSUSA Congressional Charter).
- Be a registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA through Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council. Active Girl Scout membership must be maintained throughout the duration of the 3-year term.
- Be age 14 or older at time of election (May 10, 2025).

NATIONAL DELEGATE ACCOUNTABILITIES

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.

DUTIES OF A DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

This is a three-year commitment.

1. **Throughout the triennium**, everyone elected by GSSGC as a voting member/delegate to the National Council takes personal responsibility to:
 - **Represent GSSGC** as voting members of the National Council throughout the triennium (delegates only).

- **Register for and regularly connect to the Delegate Website** for news and updated communications.
 - **Complete training**, which includes self-paced online modules and virtual and in-person sessions.
 - **Attend briefing meetings** conducted by GSSGC; participate in Council, Board, and region meetings; and participate in Council forums and focus groups.
 - **Actively gather and consider a broad spectrum** of the opinions of members from all parts of GSSGC and across the Movement.
 - **Participate in all webinars** sponsored by GSUSA and provide decision-influencing input as requested throughout the triennium.
 - **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.
 - **Share learning and insights** with Council members.
 - **Each alternate should be prepared** to step into the role of a voting member at any time.
2. **While attending any regular or special National Council Session**, each voting member is responsible for:
- **Being fully prepared to vote on all business items**, including proposals and the National Board of Directors slate.
 - **Attending all business meetings** of the National Council and participating in the decision-making proceedings.
- 3 **Upon returning from any regular or special National Council Session**, each National Council voting member/delegate is prepared to:
- **Report** to GSSGC's membership, such as at our Annual Meeting, to the Council Board of Directors, and to our constituency on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions.
 - **Share insights** on information gained at the National Council Session.
 - **Assist GSSGC** as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, including supporting onboarding of new delegates and alternates.
 - **Participate** in teleconferences/webinars and other opportunities as requested by our Council and the National Board Office.

TIME COMMITMENT

While the time commitment varies throughout the triennium and can change if special sessions are called, it is important that all delegates and alternates understand that the role requires a commitment of time and effort throughout the three-year term. Obligations include the following:

- Delegate onboarding includes GSUSA training on the delegate role, delivered through on-demand webinars, in addition to the welcome and/or orientation programs offered by GSSGC.
- Delegate education commitments increase in the months leading up to any regular or special National Council Session. These will include briefings on issues, webinars on proposals, the annual GSUSA stewardship report, and other topics which may arise.
- GSUSA and Council delegate input gathering activities take place throughout the triennium, and can include in-person meetings, webinars, recordings, posts on the Delegate Website, and surveys.
- Participation in Council and region meetings to report the actions of the National Council and to gather decision-influencing feedback from our membership.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Ability to think strategically and focus on the advancement of the Girl Scout Movement as a whole.
- Experience in a decision-influencing and/or decision-making capacity. Effectively represents different points of view.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Girl Scout councils and the Movement.
- Ability to analyze issues from a national and council perspective. National Council actions and decisions have Movement-wide implications.
- Commitment to attending GSSGC and GSUSA training sessions, in order to be as informed as possible about the issues and the democratic process utilized at National Council Sessions.
- Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward.
- Promotes partnership and is committed to the team approach; supports all decisions of the National Council.