



NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

Position Description

National Council Delegates are accountable to the corporate body of the Girl Scouts of Utah Council. Delegates will represent the Council at the triennial meeting of the National Council and any other meetings scheduled for National Council delegates during the triennium. Delegates serve one term of three (3) years; once a delegate's term is complete, they are not allowed to re-apply or serve again. Qualifications and responsibilities are listed below:

Qualifications

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a registered member of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Be at least 14 years old at time of application.
- Elected Girl National Council Delegates may not be older than 17 years at time of National Convention.
- Possess the ability to act wisely as a member of the deliberative body, setting broad directions.
- Be able to represent the points of view of various ethnic, racial, educational, civic, religious, and socioeconomic groups.
- Ability to understand issues from a national, as well as a council, perspective.
- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Possess strong communication and public speaking skills and the ability to address large groups.
- Be willing to prepare thoroughly for the issues and business that will come before the National Council Session.
- Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council.

Individual Delegate Responsibilities

- Be fully prepared on all business items before the National Council Session.
- Study the National Council Session Workbook in order to be well informed on procedures and appropriate conduct while at the National Council Session.
- Delegate will be assigned a regional area. (The state will be divided into regions. The number of regions for the state will be based on the number of delegates Girl Scouts of Utah can have participate as determined by GSUSA.) Delegates will be assigned a regional area that will not necessarily be the regional area the delegate comes from.
- Establish a relationship with their region.
- Develop a firm knowledge of the Council, the national organization, and policies and standards adhered to.
- Determine with the Council Chair and other National Council Delegates the information to be gathered at the National Council Session and how the information will be reported back to the Council.
- Assist the Council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session.
- Delegates are encouraged to actively participate in Service Unit meetings throughout their 3-year term.

Meetings (required)

- Attend the National Council Delegate training and orientation session.
- Attend delegate preparation meetings as scheduled prior to the National Council Session.

- Attend at least one Town Hall Meeting from region delegate has been assigned and one meeting from a different region to obtain a broad view of the opinions of adult and Senior Girl Scout members from all parts of the Council. These meetings will be held in February and late summer of 2017.
- Attend one community meeting per year. (They are often combined with Town Hall Meetings.)
- Attend the National Council Session scheduled within the triennium, which will include:
 - The stewardship report of the National Board of Directors on Girl Scouting during the past triennium.
 - Detailed reports of sources of revenue and expenses and the status of GSUSA's financial position.
 - Reports on the results of organization-wide surveys.
 - Reports on innovation and progress in major areas of work.
 - Election of members of the National Board of Directors and Board Development Committee.
 - Determining the direction Girl Scouting will take throughout the country.
- Attend the Council Board of Directors' meeting directly following the National Council Session to report session outcomes and activities.
- Attend other meetings as required by the National and local Board of Directors, which includes GSU's Annual Meeting on May 22, 2017.
- Participate in National Delegate Forums to discuss key governance issues with the National Board that are being considered as agenda items for the upcoming session.

Please note: Alternate National Council Delegates are held to the same requirements and responsibilities.