



National Delegate Position Description

National Delegates serve as Girl Scouts of Utah's voting members at the triennial National Council Session. Any Girl Scout member may serve as a National Delegate provided they meet the criteria below. The primary role of National Delegates is to learn about national proposals and engage with service units to gather feedback from Girl Scout members in our council. National Delegates take action and serve as the voice of Girl Scouts of Utah during the National Council Session.

The Girl Scouts of the USA National Council is made up of all National Delegates elected by local councils across the movement, the National Board of Directors, the National Board Development Committee, and the past presidents of the Girl Scouts of the USA. The National Council is charged with providing input and broad direction to the future of the Girl Scout Movement.

Criteria for Interested Candidates:

- Must be a registered member of Girl Scouts of Utah.
- Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of NCS.
- Ability to represent the points of view of various ethnic, racial, educational, civic, religious, and socioeconomic groups.
- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Experience in, or knowledge of policy-influencing and policy-making positions.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the workings of Girl Scout councils and the Movement.
- Ability to analyze issues from a national as well as local perspective. National Council actions and decisions have Movement-wide impact.
- Ability to respond promptly to all communications from Girl Scouts of Utah and GSUSA throughout the duration of their elected 3-year term.
- Commitment to attending council-level and GSUSA training sessions in order to be as informed as possible about the issues and the democratic process utilized at the National Council Session.
- Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council.



Term for National Delegates:

- National Delegates are elected the calendar year proceeding the National Council Session and serve a term of 3 years from the date of their election.
- The upcoming term will be October 2025 – October 2028.

Duties of National Delegates:

1. **In advance of the National Council Session**, National Delegates take personal responsibility to:
 - **Study** all items on the agenda, including background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
 - **Attend** briefing meetings conducted by GSUSA. Conduct the council's annual meeting, attend board meetings (as requested), and participate in council forums and focus groups as requested.
 - **Obtain** a broad array of opinions from adult and older girl members from all parts of the council.
 - **Participate** in teleconferences/webinars for voting members sponsored by the national organization.
 - **Engage** in opportunities to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the Movement.
2. **While attending the National Council Session**, National Delegates take personal responsibility to:
 - **Attend** all business meetings and participate in the proceedings.
 - **Be fully prepared** to participate in discussion and vote on all business items.
 - **Elect** National Board Members and Officers to the National Board.
 - **Adult National Delegates Chaperons** Girl National Delegates while attending the National Council Session and Convention.
3. **Upon returning from the National Council Session**, National Delegates take personal responsibility to:
 - **Report** at the council's annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and the council's constituency (if requested by council board chair/president and CEO) on the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions.



- **Share insights** on information gained at the National Council Session, if requested.
- **Assist** the council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested.
- **Participate** in teleconferences/webinars and other opportunities for voting members/delegates.

Alternate National Delegates are held to the same requirements and responsibilities.