



2026 National Council Delegate Position Description

July 2026* | Washington D.C.

**Exact dates to be determined*

Purpose: Every three years, members from each council in Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) gather to conduct business on a national scale. Delegates will represent Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) at this triennial meeting of the National Council and other meetings as scheduled for the National Council delegates during their triennium.

Eligibility Requirements

Every delegate must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America
- A registered member of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California
- 14 years of age or older by February 1, 2025
- Able to represent the points of view of various ethnic, racial, educational, civic, religious, and socioeconomic groups
- Willing to prepare thoroughly on the issues and business that will come before the National Council
- Actively train, associate, and participate in the delegate process, including the Delegate Website, NCS Workbook, scheduled forums, GSUSA trainings, GSHCC meetings
- Remain an active NCS Delegate throughout the elected triennium

Selection Criteria: While a number of factors will be considered in making the selection of GSHCC delegates, candidates are sought that model the skills outlined below.

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| Strategic thinking | Future focused: Demonstrates ability to consider long-term goals and objectives that advance the Girl Scout movement as a whole. |
| Communication | Expresses ideas and facts clearly. |
| Policy-influence/policy making experience | Has participated in council meetings; effectively represents different points of view. |
| Knowledge of Girl Scouts | Has knowledge of Girl Scouts at both the local and Movement-wide level. |
| Decision-making | Able to analyze decisions from a local, council, and national perspective, and to weigh options and consider ramifications. |
| Adaptability | Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward (comes to the session informed, but not instructed). |
| Team-building | Promotes partnerships and is committed to the team approach; will support decisions the National Council makes. |
| Listening/representation | Ability to collect input from members, via SU meetings and council forums, and represent these communities at the national level. |



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Responsibilities and Principal Duties:

1. Attend all meetings, Zoom calls, and webinars scheduled for orientation and preparation prior to the 2026 National Council Session (NCS).
2. Plan to attend all sessions in Washington, DC. Registration, airfare, meals, and lodging will be paid for by GSHCC.
3. Study the National Council Session Workbook in order to be well informed on issues, acquainted with the election slate, and knowledgeable on the procedures for the National Council Session meetings.
4. Develop a firm knowledge of the council, GSUSA, and their policies and standards.
5. Be informed on the council's point of view on issues to be presented at the National Council Session but vote independently on what she/he believes to be in the best interests of Girl Scouting nationally.
6. Be willing to report back to GSHCC membership.
7. Have a basic understanding of parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
8. Adhere to the safety and behavior standards of GSHCC and GSUSA.
9. Adult delegates will help serve as chaperones for our girl delegates. Chaperones will supervise the girls for the duration of the travel time and convention.