



2026 National Council Delegate July 20-25, 2026 | Washington D.C. Position Description

Position: National Council Delegate

**Dates are subject to change*

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 of Maine (GSME) at the triennial meeting of the National Council and other meetings as scheduled for the National Council delegates during the triennium.

Eligibility Requirements

Every delegate must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America
- A registered member of Girl Scouts of Maine
- 14 years of age or older by May 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

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

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 level and of the wider movement.
Decision-making	Able to analyze decisions from a 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 to inform strategic decision-making, and represent these communities at the national level.

Responsibilities and Principle Duties:

1. Attend all meetings including teleconferences scheduled for orientation and preparation prior to the 2026 National Convention.
2. Plan to attend all sessions in Washington D.C. (All expenses paid by GSME for NCS).
3. Study the National Council Session Workbook in order to be well informed on issues and procedures for the National Council Session meetings.
4. Develop a firm knowledge of the council, the National Organization, 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 GSME 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 GSME and GSUSA.
9. Our volunteer adult delegate(s) will also serve as chaperone(s) for our girl delegate(s). Chaperone(s) will supervise the girl(s) for the duration of the travel time and convention.