



National Delegate Criteria

GSUSA's 57th National Convention

July 20-25, 2026

Washington D.C.

Every three years, members from each council in Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) gather to conduct business on a national scale. Girl Scouts Louisiana East will send 6-7 National Delegates to the 2026 National Convention to attend the festivities and represent us at the National Council Session.

Nominees must be willing to commit to:

- Attending all local orientation and preparation meetings prior to the National Convention.
- Participating in all GSUSA preparatory webinars, learning sessions and pre-reads
 - Time commitment: approximately 3 hours per month from January 2025 -June 2025, and then 10 hours per month leading up to the National Council Session
- Studying the National Council Meeting agenda.
- Understanding Girl Scouts Louisiana East's stance on actions to be taken by the National Council
- Obtaining a broad view of opinions and voices of members throughout the council.
- Attending all National Council meetings and reporting National Council actions to Girl Scouts Louisiana East members.
- Knowing and understanding of parliamentary procedures.
- Attending the National Council Session July 20-25, 2026, and available to travel days of July 19 and 26, 2026.
- Participating as a National Delegate for the entire three-year period of 2025-2028.

Eligibility requirements

Every delegate must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America
- A registered member of Girls Scouts of the USA active in GSLE
- 14 years of age or older by January 25, 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 (Competency)

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
Experience (policy-influencing or policy making)	Has participated in council meetings; effectively represents different points of view
Knowledge of local and national Girl Scouting	Has knowledge of Girl Scouts both at the local level and 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 made by the National Council

Biography and picture

- Include the information below in your brief biography on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.
 - i. Name of the community where you reside
 - ii. Girl Scout experiences and awards. Include some of your most meaningful Girl Scout experiences including committee or council group activities
 - iii. Any additional information you would like to include, such as employment, volunteer/community work and family to showcase how you fit the selection criteria. Include leadership positions and years involved
- Please email high-resolution pictures (300 dpior larger in .jpg or .tifformat} to jpollard@gsle.org.



National Delegate Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Service Unit: _____

Have you served as a Service Unit Delegate?: Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you attended the GSLE Annual Meeting? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you attended as a visitor at a National Convention? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you ever been a National Delegate? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you ever earned any GSLE Awards? Examples: Volunteer of Excellence, Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge, Outstanding Leader, Outstanding Volunteer, etc.

For adults: Please check all that apply and list dates, if possible.

	Position	Dates		Position	Dates
	Troop Volunteer (leader or co-leader, assistant leader, advisor, committee member)			Council Volunteer (events, camps, workshops, committees, etc.)	
	Service Unit Team Member			Board or Board Committee Member	
	Staff			Other	
	Delegate or Alternate (Service Unit or National)				

Are you a U.S. citizen? (Required by the GSUSA Congressional Charter.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attendance at a National Convention meeting requires travel, extensive walking and sitting or standing for long periods of time. Do you have any physical limitations of which we need to be aware? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe any accommodation you would require. _____

We collect the following information for statistical purposes only. Please select all that apply.

American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐

Black or African American ☐ White ☐

Other (please specify) _____

Are you of Hispanic origin? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your age: ☐ 14-17 ☐ 18-29 ☐ 30-49 ☐ Over 50

Please respond to these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. No more than 300 words per response.

1. What skills and experience do you feel you can contribute as a National Delegate?
2. How would you describe the difference between policy making and policy influencing?
 - a. How have you engaged in both processes in Girl Scouting?
3. How will you engage members of our council, both volunteers and girls, to gather their thoughts and input on meeting agenda items and topics that arise later during your 3-year tenure?
4. Why should we select you?

Please supply two references (other than relatives), who qualify to supply additional information about you. Reference sheet attached.

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

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If elected, I agree to commit to the accountability and eligibility requirements of Girl Scouts Louisiana East's National Council Delegate.

By typing my name below, I acknowledge the selection process involves a subjective component and the Council must retain the exclusive right to make decisions most appropriate for the welfare and development of its girl members. Girl Scouts Louisiana East is committed to diversity and inclusiveness, and all applicants will be considered without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, citizenship, disability, marital status, veteran status, or any other status protected by law. I certify that my answers to the preceding questions are true and complete and that I have not knowingly withheld any information which might, if disclosed, affect my selection as a volunteer unfavorably. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts on this application will be the cause for non-selection or later dismissal. I understand that the information is subject to verification.

Signature: _____

Application Deadline: November 1, 2024

Submit application to Jill Pollard, jpollard@gsle.org

Girl Scouts Louisiana East will pay the cost of transportation, lodging, Council Session registration fees and a daily food allowance for National Delegates. Individuals are responsible for personal incidental expenses, any special events they wish to participate in at the convention, and any upgrades in travel or lodging. Individuals must have a full Girl Scout uniform for each day of the National Council Session.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How are you affiliated with the applicant? _____

The National Delegate Position is a 3-year term where members from each Council in Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) gather to conduct business on a national scale. The applicant has listed you as a reference to note their abilities to fulfill such role.

The following skills are required of a successful National Delegate. Review the applicant's experiences and activities, rate their ability, and provide examples of how they may have demonstrated these skills. Use the following scale:

1—Need considerable development
4—Somewhat of a strength

2—Needs some development
5—A clear strength

3—Competent

Strategic thinking	Future focused: Demonstrates ability to consider long-term goals and objectives that advance a greater movement	Rating: Examples:
Communication	Expresses ideas and facts clearly, actively listens with compassion and understanding	Rating: Examples:
Experience (policy-influencing or policy making)	Has participated in professional/business meetings; effectively represents different points of view	Rating: Examples:
Knowledge of local and national Girl Scouting	Has knowledge of Girl Scouts both at the local level and the wider movement	Rating: Examples:
Decision-making	Able to analyze decisions from a broad perspective, and to weigh options and consider ramifications	Rating: Examples:
Adaptability	Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward	Rating: Examples:
Team Building	Promotes partnerships and is committed to the team approach; will support decisions the National Council made	Rating: Examples:

Questions:

1. Do you recommend the applicant for this role? ☐ Yes ☐ No Why?

2. What else should we consider when evaluating this applicant?