

Volunteer Position Description:

Delegate to the National Council

Purpose: To serve as voting council representation at the triennial National Council Session.

Commitment To:

- GSUSA
- GSCB

Duration: Delegates elected by council shall be elected in the calendar year preceding the National Council Session and shall serve as members on the National Council for three years from the date of their election or until their successors are elected.

Responsibilities & Duties:

- The National Council is authorized to:
 - Elect the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee
 - Amend the constitution
 - Establish requirements for credentials
 - Act on proposals
 - Influence the strategic direction of the Movement by providing guidance to the National Board
- Duties of a National Delegate
 - In advance of the National Council Session, everyone elected by council as a voting member/delegate to the National Council takes 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 the council, participate in council, board, and association meetings, and participate in council forums and focus groups as requested
 - Consider a broad spectrum of opinions of adult and older Girl Scout members from all parts of the council
 - Participate in virtual meetings for voting members sponsored by GSUSA
 - Engage in opportunities to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the movement
 - While attending the National Council Session, each voting member is responsible for:
 - Attending all business meetings and participating in the proceedings
 - Being fully prepared to participate in discussions and vote on all business items
 - Upon returning from the National Council Session, each National Council voting member/delegate is prepared to:
 - Report at the councils' annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and the councils' constituency (if requested by council board chair/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 virtual meetings and other opportunities for voting members/delegates
- Attend annually appropriate training
- Follow all processes and procedures, as dictated by Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay

Training Requirements: Coming Soon!

General Requirements:

- Current membership with Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay
- Successfully completed the volunteer screening process, including background checks, training, and additional steps, as necessary
- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement
- Experience and/or interest in 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 council perspective. National Council actions and decisions have Movement-wide implications
- Commitment to attending council and GSUSA training sessions to be as informed as possible about the issues and democratic process utilized at the National Council Session
- Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council and to educate council members about the decisions made
- Maintain confidentiality
- Access, ability, and willingness to utilize technology, including an active email address
- Behave in a manner that upholds the Girl Scout Promise & Law in all interactions with the public, Girl Scout members, and GSCB staff

By accepting any volunteer position with Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, I accept and agree to abide by the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. I will respect and maintain the confidentiality of all privileged information related to Girl Scouts, its girl and adult members, volunteers, and staff, while serving as a volunteer.

