



**NATIONAL DELEGATE ATTENDS  
 GSUSA'S 57<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL  
 CONVENTION  
 July 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 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 of Citrus will send 7-8 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:**

- Attend **all** local orientation and preparation meetings prior to the National Convention.
- Participate in **all** GSUSA preparatory webinars, learning sessions and pre-reads.
  - o Time commitment: approximately 3 hours per month starting April 2025 and will gradually increase to at least 10 hours per month leading up to the National Council Session. Excluding Citrus Council in-person training(s).
- Study the National Council Meeting agenda and communicate properly with **all** volunteers and Girl Scout members.
- Obtain a broad view of the opinions and voices of members throughout the Council.
- Attend all National Council meetings and report National Council actions to the Girl Scouts of Citrus members.
- Know and understand parliamentary procedures.
- Attend the National Council Session July 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and available for potential travel days of July 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with the entire National Delegate group and Council staff.
- Participate as a National Delegate for the entire three-year period of 2025-2028.
- Be in good standing with Girl Scouts of Citrus Council on all aspects.

**Eligibility requirements**

Every National Delegate must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America
- A registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA and an active member at Girl Scouts of Citrus
- 14 years of age or older as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- 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 Session.

**Selection criteria (competency)**

<b>Strategic thinking</b>	Future focused: Demonstrates ability to consider long-term goals and objectives that advance the Girl Scout movement as a whole
<b>Communication</b>	Express ideas and facts clearly
<b>Experience</b> ( <i>policy-influencing or policy making</i> )	Has participated in council meetings; effectively represents different points of view
<b>Knowledge of local and national Girl Scouting</b>	Has knowledge of Girl Scouts both at the local level and the wider movement
<b>Decision-making</b>	Able to analyze decisions from a council and national perspective, and to weigh options and consider ramifications
<b>Adaptability</b>	Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward (comes to the session informed, but not instructed)
<b>Team building</b>	Promotes partnerships and is committed to the team approach; will support decisions made by the National Council



**What to expect of the application process:**

1. Fully fill out and submit application to customer care by Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
2. Notification of application status
3. Interview with Girl Scouts of Citrus' Board of Director members and staff
4. Confirmation of election status
5. Attend Annual Business Meeting at the Winter Park Events Center on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM to be elected.

**Biography**

- Include the information below in your brief TYPED biography. Please attach it to your application.
  - o Name of the community where you reside.
  - o Girl Scout experiences and awards. Include some of your most meaningful Girl Scout experiences including groups or initiatives you have been a part of.
  - o Any additional information you would like to include, such as employment, volunteer/community involvement, and family to showcase how you fit the selection criteria. Include leadership positions and years involved.



## National Delegate Application

**This application is to be filled out typed only.**

Name (as listed in your Girl Scout membership):

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Community:

Have you served as a local delegate before?	Yes	No
Have you attended the Annual Business Meeting before?	Yes	No
Have you attended as a visitor at a National Convention Session (NCS)?	Yes	No
If yes, when?		
Have you ever been a National Delegate for Citrus Council?	Yes	No
If yes, when?		
Have you ever been a National Delegate for another Council?	Yes	No
If yes, when?		

Have you ever earned any Girl Scout Award(s), Board Approved Award(s), or a Community Award(s)? If so, we'd love to know the award and the year below. If more room, needed attach to application.

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

	Position	Date(s)		Position	Date(s)
	Troop Volunteer (leader or co-leader, etc.)			Council Volunteer (events, camps, workshops, committees, etc.)	
	Community Team Member			Board or Board Committee Member	
	Delegate or Alternate (Community or National)			Other	
	Staff (at Citrus or other councils)				

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

*Attendance at the National Convention Session 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 of? Yes No  
 If yes, please list:

Please respond to the following questions (TYPED ONLY). No more than 300 words. If more space is needed attach to application.

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 form on the next page.

Reference 1:

Full name: Relationship:  
 Email: Phone:

Reference 2:

Full name: Relationship:  
 Email: Phone:

If selected, I agree to commit to the accountability and eligibility requirements of Girl Scouts of Citrus as a 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 Scout members. Girl Scouts of Citrus 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 enclosed, affect my selection as a volunteer favorably. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts on this application will be the cause for non-selecting or later dismissal. I understand that the information is subject to verification.

**Signature:**

**Application deadline: Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

Submit FULL application (all parts of the application MUST together: filled out application, biography, and two reference forms – if not, will application pieces will be disregarded) to [customercare@citrus-gs.org](mailto:customercare@citrus-gs.org)

*Girl Scouts of Citrus will pay the costs of transportation, lodging, National Council Session registration fees and a daily food allowance for selected 2025-2028 National Delegate for the week of National Convention. Individuals are responsible for personal incidental expenses, any special events they wish to participate in during the convention, and any upgrades in their travel or lodging. Individuals must have a full Girl Scout uniform for each day of the National Council Session.*

**Optional**—We collect the following information for statistical purposes only. Please select all that apply:

<p><i>American Indian/Alaskan Native</i></p> <p><i>Asian</i></p> <p><i>Black or African American</i></p>	<p><i>Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</i></p> <p><i>White</i></p>
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Are you of Hispanic origin?	Yes		No			
Your age:	14-17	18-29	30-49	Over 50		



**Reference form for:**

(Applicant's full name)

**Reference form is to be filled out typed only.**

Reference's full name:

Phone:

Email:

Street 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 some examples in a separate document of how they may have demonstrated these skills and attach it to this reference form for the applicant to submit along with their application.

Use the following scale:

1—Need considerable development

2—Needs some development

3—Competent

4—Somewhat of a strength

5—a successful strength

Skills	Detail	Rating
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