

**Application for National Council Delegate for Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi National Council Session – July 20—25, 2026**

**Washington, DC**

**Deadline for submission January 10, 2025**

**Return application to Sarah Edwards at** [**sedwards@gsgms.org**](mailto:sedwards@gsgms.org)

Name Girl or Adult Member:

Current Girl Scout roles

(Indicate all roles/positions)

Address: City: State: Zip:

Email address

Day phone number ( ) Evening number: ( )

Delegates to the National Council Session commit to service for three years, beginning in April of 2025. You must confirm a 3-year commitment to Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi by remaining a registered member. All expenses incurred for travel to the NCS will be paid by Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi. This includes any possible virtual meetings that are called during this term.

Why are you interested in being nominated to serve as a National Council delegate from our council?

What is your experience in policy making and policy influencing?

How does your experience prepare you to think strategically about the future of the Girl Scout Movement?

Each person elected by the council as a voting member/delegate to the National Council holds a **three-year term** and takes personal responsibility to:

**Before the National Council Session**

1. Study all business items on the agenda, background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
2. Study the *National Council Session Workbook* in order to be well-informed on procedures and appropriate conduct while at the National Council Session.
3. Attend briefing meetings or teleconferences conducted by my council.
4. Participate in any teleconferences or webinars for National Council delegates conducted by GSUSA.
5. Obtain a broad view of the opinions of adult, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scout members from all parts of the council.
6. Familiarize myself with the contents of the current *Blue Book of Basic Documents (2016)*.
7. Have a basic understanding of parliamentary procedure and *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

**During the National Council Session**

1. Attend all meetings and participate in the proceedings.
2. Be fully prepared on all business items.
3. Plan (with the council board chair and CEO) the information to be gathered at the National Council Session and the kinds of reports that will be made to the council when they return.

**After the National Council Session**

1. Report on National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions at the council’s annual meeting, to the council board of directors, and to the council’s membership if requested by my council’s board chair and CEO.
2. Share insights on information gained at the National Council Session, if requested.
3. Assist the council as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested.
4. Participate in any teleconferences and opportunities for voting members.

I am willing and able to fulfill the responsibilities of a National Council delegate if elected.

Signature of applicant

Date

Parent/legal guardian signature (if applicant is 18 years old or younger)

Date