



Sent on behalf of the GCNWI Board Development Committee

Memorandum

DATE: September 24, 2024
TO: Board of Directors, District Delegates, National Delegates, Members of Girl Scouts of GCNWI 14 Years of Age and Over
FROM: Duke Alden and Hille Sheppard, Co-Chairs, Girl Scouts of GCNWI Board Development Committee
RE: Call for Applications for Candidate Consideration for National Council Delegate

The Board Development Committee of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana (GCNWI) hereby issues a call to members of GCNWI to apply for consideration as a National Delegate, to be elected at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Responsibilities of National Delegates are listed in the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA, Article V, as found in the current *Blue Book of Basic Documents*, available on the Girl Scout website at www.girlscouts.org. The election of National Delegates also follows policy outlined in the GCNWI Bylaws.

The responsibilities of the National Delegates include:

- Be committed to a 3-year term, starting at the 2025 GCNWI Annual Meeting (per the GCNWI Bylaws) and ending at the 2028 GCNWI Annual meeting
- Be committed to participating in GSUSA Delegate Meetings and Trainings throughout the term
- Be committed to participating in GCNWI Delegate Meetings and trainings, including Delegate Quarterly Meetings and the GCNWI Annual Meeting
- Be committed to reviewing any materials in advance of meetings and replying timely to emails
- Be committed to participating in Delegate opportunities, such as gathering feedback from members, representing the council or delegation, drafting proposals, etc...
- Able to attend the National Council Session and travel between Sunday, July 19-Sunday, July 26, 2026 (exact dates TBD)
- Electing a National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee to provide leadership for the 2026-2029 triennium
- Providing input to the National Board on major topics to guide the future direction of the Girl Scout Movement and program
- Voting on proposals and amendments to the Constitution placed on the agenda by the National Board
- Receiving a National Board report on its stewardship of the Movement, with opportunity for dialogue.



Requirements to be a National Council Delegate include:

- Must be available to attend the National Council Session in Washington, DC and travel between Sunday, July 19-Sunday, July 26, 2026 (exact dates TBD)
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a registered member of the Girl Scout Movement within GCNWI
- Be 14 years of age or older at the time of election (GCNWI Annual Meeting April 26, 2025)
- Be committed to participate in National Delegate training and preparation sessions offered by the GCNWI or GSUSA
- Be committed to a three (3) year tenure as a National Delegate (April 26, 2025-April TBD 2028)
- Be committed to participating in National Council Session follow-up activities sponsored by the GCNWI or GSUSA
- Be committed to participating in GCNWI Delegate Meetings, including Delegate Quarterly Meetings and the GCNWI Annual Meeting while a National Delegate

How to apply:

Apply October 1 - December 1, 2024

Learn more at apply at <http://tinyurl.com/gsgcnwiDelegate>

After applying, applicants should anticipate receiving an email in December to sign up for a virtual interview in January. These will be held virtually via Zoom, with a call-in option available.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in February or March 2025.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Alaina Greene, Delegate Liaison, at nationaldelegate@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Yours in Girl Scouting,
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