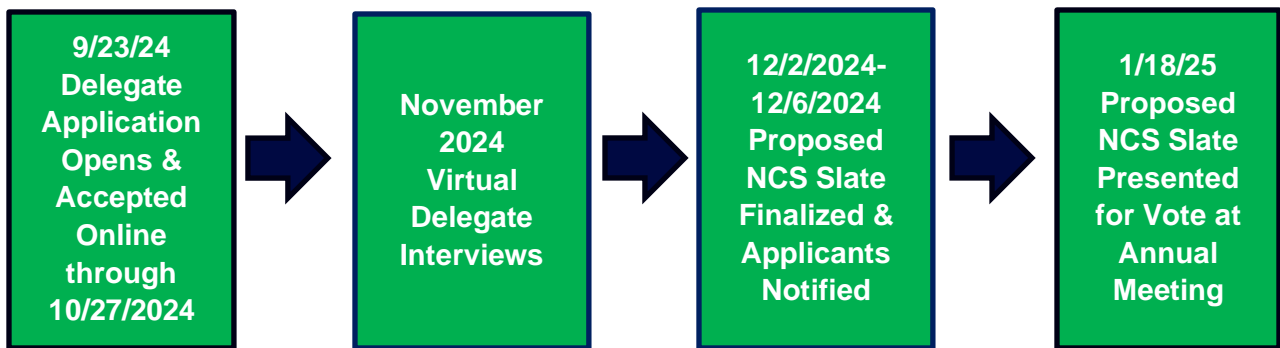


## NATIONAL DELEGATE APPLICATION TIMELINE & FAQ

### Application Timeline



### FAQ

#### Who can apply to be a National Delegate?

Any registered member of GSWESTOK (youth or adult) who is 14 years of age or older by time of election at Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

#### What is the application process?

1. National Delegate Applications will be open online between September 23, 2024 and October 27, 2024.
2. National Delegate Applications will be reviewed, and applicants will be asked to attend a virtual interview in November.
3. The NCS delegate slate will be finalized, and applicants will be notified of the status of their application between December 2, 2025, and December 6, 2025.
4. The NCS Delegate slate will be presented, for approval, at the 2024 GSWESTOK Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

#### Where can I access the online application?

[Click here!](#)

**Do I need any previous experience to be a National Delegate?** No previous experience is required. Training will be provided to all National Delegates on Robert's Rules of order, parliamentary procedures and items of business prior to the National Council Session.

**What is the time commitment?** National Delegates and Alternates serve a 3-year term, from January 2025-January 2028 and must be able to attend the National Council Session (NCS) in Washington D.C., July 20-25, 2026. The exact length of the NCS is TBD; however, typically spans over a three-day period.

Prior to NCS, National Delegates and Alternates will be expected to attend training and webinars offered by GSWESTOK and GSUSA to prepare for NCS. They will also be asked to read and review materials on their own to be informed on important topics related to NCS.

In addition to NCS related meetings, National Delegates are asked to attend and vote at the GSWESTOK Annual Meeting and any Delegate Meetings throughout the year. Outside of the Annual Meeting, the majority of these meetings happen virtually via Zoom. National Delegates and Alternates should expect robust engagement in the 6-8 months leading up to the National Council Session, with occasional engagement outside of that time frame.

**I am graduating high school between January 2025 and January 2028. Can I still apply?**

Yes! If you are graduating during the 3-year term, you are still welcome to apply! We just ask that all Delegates keep an active registration with our council.

**Is there a cost to being a National Delegate?** GSWESTOK will cover the majority of costs associated with travel and attendance of the 57<sup>th</sup> National Council Session. There may be additional minimal costs for Delegates. For example, Girl Scout Uniform is typically worn at certain National Council Session meetings, which is the responsibility of the National Delegate (Financial Aid is available to assist with certain uniform needs).

**What is an Alternate National Delegate?** Each council is allotted a certain number of Delegates based on their membership numbers the year before NCS. GSWESTOK always selects multiple Alternate Delegates in case a National Delegate is no longer able to serve in their role. Alternates will be called up to replace National Delegates as needed and are an important part of our democratic process and making sure the voice of GSWESTOK is heard.

Due to when the National Delegate Application process happens, GSWESTOK will be electing our delegates before we know the exact number of delegates the council is allotted. For this reason, GSWESTOK will be bringing on additional Alternates with the hope that they will be able to move up to National Delegate once the allotment is received.

Alternates will participate in training and meetings to be informed on the process and will be prepared to step into the role should they be pulled up. Alternates are not allowed to vote on council or national issues until they are pulled up and they do not attend the National Council Session unless they are pulled up as National Delegates.

In the case an Alternate is not pulled up, they may attend the National Council Session at their own expense. Alternates are welcome to attend local governance meetings, such as the Annual Meeting and Delegate Quarterly Meeting.

**Additional Questions**

Please direct any questions to the GSWESTOK Delegate Liaison, Kathy Thompson, at [kthompson@gswestok.org](mailto:kthompson@gswestok.org).