



**NATIONAL DELEGATE CRITERIA**  
**GSUSA.NS 57<sup>th</sup> National Convention**  
**July 20-25, 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 Western Oklahoma will send 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:**

- Attending all local orientation and preparation meetings prior to the National Convention.
- Participating in all GSUSA preparatory webinars, learning sessions and pre-reads
- Studying the National Council Meeting agenda.
- Understanding Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma stance on actions to be taken by the National Council
- Obtaining a broad view of opinions and voices of members throughout the council.
- Attending all National Council meetings and reporting National Council actions to Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma members.
- Knowing and understanding of parliamentary procedures.
- Attending the National Council Session July 20-25, 2026, and available to travel days of July 19 and 26, 2026.
- Participating as a National Delegate for the entire three-year period of 2025-2028.

**Eligibility requirements**

**Every delegate must be:**

- A citizen of the United States of America
- A registered member of Girls Scouts of the USA active in GSWESTOK
- 14 years of age or older by January 18, 2025
- 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

**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>	Expresses ideas and facts clearly
<b>Experience</b> (policy-influencing or policy making)	Has participated in council meetings; effectively represents different points of view
<b>Knowledge of local and national Girl Scoutinll</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

# National Delegate Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served as a Service Unit Delegate?  Yes  No

Have you ever attended a Council Annual Meeting?  Yes  No

Have you attended as a visitor at a National Convention?  Yes  No If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a National Delegate or Alternate?  Yes  No If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever earned any GSWESTOK Awards? Examples: Bronze, Silver or Gold Award, Honor Pin, Outstanding Leader or Outstanding Volunteer Award, Volunteer of Excellence, First Class, Appreciation Pin, Thanks Badge or Presidential Award. If so, please list all awards earned below:

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

	Position	Dates		Position	Dates
	Troop Volunteer (leader or co-leader, assistant leader, advisor, committee member)			Council Volunteer (events, camps, workshops, committees, etc.)	
	Service Unit Team Member			Board or Board Committee Member	
	Staff			Other	
	Delegate or Alternate (Service Unit or National)				

Are you a U.S. citizen? (Required by the GSUSA Congressional Charter.) OYes ONo

Attendance at a 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? Yes No

If yes, please describe any accommodation you would require. \_\_\_\_\_



**Please respond to these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. No more than 200 words per response.**

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 sheet attached.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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If elected, I agree to commit to the accountability and eligibility requirements of Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma Council Delegate.

By signing 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 members. Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma 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 disclosed, affect my selection as a volunteer unfavorably. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts on this application will be the cause for non-selection or later dismissal. I understand that the information is subject to verification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadline: October 27, 2024.**

Submit application to [info@gswestok.org](mailto:info@gswestok.org), with subject line: 2026 NCS delegate application

Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma will pay the cost of transportation, lodging, Council Session registration fees and a daily food allowance for National Delegates. Individuals are responsible for personal incidental expenses, any special events they wish to participate in at the convention, and any upgrades in travel or lodging. Individuals must have a full Girl Scout uniform for each day of the National Council Session.

# Reference Sheet for \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's name

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 examples of how they may have demonstrated these skills. Use the following scale:

- 1- Need considerable development      2- Needs some development      3- Competent  
 4-Somewhat of a strength      5-A clear strength

<b>Strategic thinking</b>	Future focused: Demonstrates ability to consider long-term goals and objectives that advance a greater movement	Rating: Examples:
<b>Communication</b>	Expresses ideas and facts clearly, actively listens with compassion and understanding	Rating: Examples:
<b>Experience</b> (policy-influencing or policy making)	Has participated in professional/business meetings; effectively represents different points of view	Rating: Examples:
<b>Knowledge of local and national Girl Scouting</b>	Has knowledge of Girl Scouts both at the local level and the wider movement	Rating: Examples:
<b>Decision-making</b>	Able to analyze decisions from a broad perspective, and to weigh options and consider ramifications	Rating: Examples:
<b>Adaptability</b>	Demonstrates flexibility when new information is brought forward	Rating: Examples:
<b>Team Building</b>	Promotes partnerships and is committed to the team approach; will support decisions the National Council made	Rating: Examples:

Questions:

1. Do you recommend the applicant for this role?  Yes  No Why?

2. What else should we consider when evaluating this applicant?