

Guide for Submitting Your **2023 National Delegate Application**



A brief overview of the role and responsibilities of a National Delegate and information on how to apply.

Girl Scouts–North Carolina Coastal Pines

National Delegate Opportunity Guide

Thank you for your interest in representing Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines at the upcoming National Council Session. This is a unique opportunity available for registered volunteers, girls (ages 14 and up) and staff of our council.

This guide is intended to provide you with a summary of the National Council Session and the role National Delegates play in the governance of Girl Scouts. If you have any questions about the application process or the role and responsibilities of a National Delegate (or Alternate) please contact Connie Walker, cwalker@nccoastalpines.org.

Included in this Guide

- National Council Session Overview
- Information on How to Apply

National Council Session Overview

56th National Council Session, Orlando, Florida ♦ July 2023

The National Council is the legal corporation of Girl Scouts of the USA and is required to meet every three years. Members of the National Council consist of:

- delegates elected by Girl Scout councils,
- delegates from USA Girl Scouts Overseas,
- members of GSUSA's National Board of Directors,
- members of GSUSA's National Board Development Committee, and
- past presidents of Girl Scouts of the USA.

The National Council Experience

The National Council Session convenes every three years and is a gathering of thousands of Girl Scouts in one location. This Movement wide meeting is a unique opportunity for Girl Scouts to mark its progress and set the direction for our future. National Delegates participating in this event will:

- gain an appreciation for the size and scope of the Girl Scout Movement,
- see and feel the passion for Girl Scouts and its mission through a variety of speakers, learning opportunities and breakout sessions and National Delegate girl members participate alongside the adults throughout the event,
- take part in and witness the governance of Girl Scouts in action, following all rules of parliamentary procedure to ensure the governance of the organization is enacted with fairness and civility,
- build personal connections with their peers across the Movement,
- strengthen relationships within their council by planning for, attending, and reporting on the experience in their local Girl Scout communities.

Role & Responsibilities of National Delegates

National Delegates represent Girl Scouts–North Carolina Coastal Pines at the National Council Session. While there, National Delegates will:

- attend all National Council Session meetings:
 - participate in the discussions, debates, and voting for proposals on the National Council Session agenda,
 - participate in the elections of the National Board and National Board Development Committee members,
 - participate in discussion topics on the National Council Session agenda,
- attend delegate receptions and other events and activities, as scheduled.
- join other members of the council's delegation (delegates and non-delegates) and participate in National Council Session activities and events as available.

National Delegate Selection & Term

All Girl Scout councils elect delegates to the National Council based on a formula established by the National Board of Directors. The specific number of delegates allocated to each council is based on the membership figures for the year preceding the National Council Session. Because of this, the number of actual Delegates that will attend the event will not be known until early October of 2022. Delegates and Alternates will be elected to serve. Alternates will be added to the Delegate list, if needed to meet our allocated number of spots, when the council's membership numbers are released (October 2022). In order to serve, girl applicants must be 14 years of age or older at the time of their election and, per GSUSA's Congressional Charter, all elected Delegates and Alternates must be citizens of the United States.

How many National Delegates are designated for GSNCCP?

The number of National Delegates that we are allocated for the 56th National Council Session will be shared with us in October 2022. We typically elect between 15 and 18 National Delegates (and Alternates) to represent our council at the National Council Session. Within our delegation, you will find board members, staff, volunteers, and girls with volunteers and girls making up about 2/3 of the total delegation.

How long do National Delegates serve?

All National Delegates and Alternates serve a three-year term.

How do I submit an application to be considered as a National Delegate?

Candidates interested in serving as a National Delegate or Alternate must submit an application consideration. Individuals selected to serve will be notified prior to Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines 2022 Annual Meeting (scheduled for March 5). Notifications are typically sent in the month of January. Candidates should follow the instructions below to submit their application.

Applications are now being accepted!

Submit your [2023 National Council Delegate Application](#) today!

All applications are due no later than November 1, 2021

Questions? Contact Connie Walker at: cwalker@nccoastalpin.es.org.

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2023 National Delegate Application Preview

To help you prepare for submitting the online application, a list of the information and the questions you will find is included below.

Girl Applicants -general information

- Age as of July 1, 2023
- Parent/Caregiver Email
- Parent/Caregiver Phone
- Parent/Caregiver Signature

All Applicants – general information

- County of Residence
- Name
- Applicant Email
- Applicant Phone
- Number of years in Girl Scouting - as a girl (girl and adult applicants)
- Number of years in Girl Scouting – as an adult (adult applicants)
- Have you previously attended a Girl Scout National Convention as a National Delegate?
- Have you previously attended a Girl Scout National Convention as an Alternate?
- Have you previously attended a Girl Scout National Convention as a visitor/other?

Questions – All Applicants

1. Describe your experience in Girl Scouts, including positions held. Please be specific.
2. Outside of your experience with Girl Scouts, describe any other volunteer, professional, or club experience you have or ways that you have provided leadership in your community.
3. From your view, what are the Girl Scout Movement's greatest strengths?
4. From your view, what opportunities exist to help us to better serve today's girls?
5. How does your experience prepare you to think strategically about the future of the Girl Scout Movement?
6. Briefly describe how you would share your experience and service as a National Delegate with the members of your area and how you would envision engaging members' voices to assist you in serving as a National Delegate.
7. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
8. Optional: Please describe any additional skills, abilities, or accomplishments you would like the Board Development Committee to consider when reviewing your application.

All applicants will also have the option to upload up to 3 documents, e.g., a current resume, bio, or other similar document. Maximum file size per document is 5MB.