

# GSUSA 56<sup>th</sup> National Council Session July 18-22, 2023 | Orlando, FL

## GSEMA National Council Delegate FAQ

### HOW ARE NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES ELECTED?

Each Girl Scout council will elect a specific number of National Council Delegates and Alternates based upon a formula established by the National Board of Girl Scouts of the USA. At the GSEMA Annual Meeting, voting members of the council will elect a slate of National Council Delegates and Alternates to serve a three-year term.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE?

Any registered member of GSEMA who is 14 years of age or older at the time of election is eligible to apply. In accordance with council bylaws, at least one (1) National Council Delegate and one (1) alternate National Council Delegate shall be a girl member. For more information, please refer to the [Council Bylaws](#).

### WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE?

Please refer to the [National Council Delegate volunteer position description](#) for a summary of duties and responsibilities.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

[Applications](#) are submitted online and a resume or bio is also required. The council's Board Nominating and Development Committee considers applications based on selection criteria provided by GSUSA, including the following:

- Strategic thinking
- Communication
- Experience (in either policy-influencing or policy-making capacities)
- Knowledge of Girl Scouting (local and national)
- Decision-making
- Team-building
- Adaptability

## Financial Commitment

### WHAT TRAVEL EXPENSES DOES GSEMA COVER?

To ensure representative governance, GSEMA will cover conference registration fees and double-occupancy hotel expenses for National Council Delegate Adults (double or triple-occupancy for Girls). Roundtrip air transportation for National Council Delegate Girls will also be covered by GSEMA.

## WHAT PERSONAL EXPENSES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVELING TO NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION (NCS)?

Adult National Council Delegates are expected to cover their own:

- Roundtrip air transportation to and from the host city
- Ground transportation
- Meals
- Incidentals

Parents/Caregivers of National Council Delegate Girls are expected to cover:

- Ground transportation to and from local home airport
- Meals
- Incidentals

Adults are asked to share hotel rooms (double-occupancy). Any Adult requesting a single room is required to reimburse the council for half the total cost of the room.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please do not let the inability to pay deter you from applying for this unique opportunity to represent the council. GSEMA may be able to offer some level of financial assistance to Girls and Adults with regard to reimbursing NCS-travel related expenses. Details on the process for submitting expense receipts for reimbursement will be provided by the council.

## NCS Preparation and Training

### IS THERE TRAINING FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES?

GSUSA hosts a series of mandatory training webinars related to the National Council Delegate role. GSEMA will also host additional training and delegate meetings.

### HOW IS TIME SPENT AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION?

It is an extremely busy time at NCS. Delegates spend most of their time together either in business sessions, council meetings, or other special events. There is limited time available for personal duties, homework, or sightseeing.

### WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION?

Anytime you are representing GSEMA at NCS, uniforms are preferred. Standard attire for adults is navy with scarf, tab and pins. Standard attire for girls is a vest or sash with khaki pants and white blouse.

### WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES?

- Participate in a variety of GSUSA and GSEMA meetings and training webinars to review proposals and learn about parliamentary procedure – schedule pending
- Gather feedback and input from council membership on agenda proposals
- Attend and participate fully at NCS in July 2023 in Orlando, FL
- Carry out all duties and responsibilities as outlined in the National Council Delegate volunteer position description during the three-year term

## Next Steps

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY TO SERVE?

Candidate applications will be forwarded to the council's nominating committee for review. Brief interviews will be conducted and notifications will be issued to all applicants. Interview date, time and format to be announced.

### CONTACT US

If you have additional questions about the National Council Delegate role, please [contact us](#).