

Youth Board Member Volunteer Position Description

Key Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

- Set the strategic direction to achieve the GSUSA Mission within the council jurisdiction
- Hire, support, and assess the performance of the Chief Executive Officer (Adult Board Members only)
- Ensure effective organizational planning
- Monitor and strengthen the organization's programs and services
- Enhance the organization's public standing
- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability
- Be a positive role model by acting with integrity and adhering to the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Serve as an ambassador for the Girl Scout mission and GSEMA by maintaining a positive attitude that reflects the acceptance of the goals of GSUSA and GSEMA while working collaboratively with council staff partners

Time Commitment

Youth Board Members are elected for a one-year term and are expected to participate as outlined in the GSEMA Youth Board Member Agreement and Attendance Procedure, including:

- Prepare for and attend (5) board meetings during the term (typically held in June, September, November, January and March (evenings, subject to change) plus a board retreat (TBD) and the council annual meeting (May). Meeting dates, times, and formats (Zoom vs. in-person) are set by the Board Chair as far in advance as possible.
- Present at least one (1) 'Mission Moment' segment during a board meeting. This is an opportunity to share a community service project, present a Gold/Silver/Bronze Award project, or lead a discussion on Girl Scouting topics that matter most to them.
- Attend at least one (1) council special event each year to represent the GSEMA Board, e.g., fundraising events, program events, volunteer recognition event, Gold Award ceremony.

Qualifications

- Must be age 14-17 (no further than 11th grade at the time of application)
- Must be a registered member of Girl Scouts and active in the GSEMA council
- Accept the Girl Scout commitment to work with all without regard to age, race, ethnicity, culture, country of origin, religion, language, socio economic status, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, neurodiversity, ability or political affiliation

Financial Commitment

- None required.