

National Council Delegate Application

The National Council Session/58th Convention of Girl Scouts of the USA will be held July 20-22, 2026, in Washington, DC. During this event, we will reinvigorate our membership, deepen our commitment to our Movement, and celebrate our successes. Together, we will:

- Engage in conversations on important topics facing Girl Scouts and all girls;
- Participate in an array of educational opportunities; and
- Network, mingle, and renew friendships, while we celebrate the work we do together.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (GSHOM) will be eligible to take a certain number of voting delegates, as prescribed by a formula established by GSUSA. If you are interested in serving as a National Council Delegate, please print and complete this application and submit, along with a letter of reference (no relatives, please) and résumé or short bio, no later than **January 31, 2025**.

Submit via email to:

mruea@gshom.org

Submit by post to:

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
ATTN: Mariela Rua
601 West Maple St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

The committee will review applications, select candidates for interviews, conduct interviews and determine the slate for the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Board Meeting to be held in March 2025. The Board of Trustees will elect/approve the delegates at that meeting.

This is a vital position for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Please review the National Delegate Requirements and Role to be a Delegate thoroughly before submitting your application. Briefly, delegates are required to:

- Attend orientation, training and at least one additional meeting prior to the convention.
- Attend all sessions in Washington, DC.
- Serve as a National Council Delegate for three years and participate in occasional National Meetings via teleconference during that period.
- Serve on the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Member Advisory Committee (MAC) for three years.
- Report on the convention to the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan membership.
- Be a citizen of the USA, registered Girl Scout and at least 14 years of age by March 29, 2025.

****Please note****

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan will cover National Council Session/Convention registration fees for adult and girl delegates, as well as hotel and transportation expenses for girl delegates. Adult delegates would be responsible for their own hotel and transportation expenses. Any other additional expenses will be the responsibility of each delegate. Financial scholarships will be available. Contributions towards expenses incurred by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan are welcome.

Adults & Girls: Please fill out this portion of the form completely.

First & Last Name:			
Email address:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Preferred Phone:			
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Region:	Jackson / Kalamazoo / Lansing / Saginaw / Ann Arbor		
Years as a Registered Girl Scout: (including current year)	Adult Member:	Girl Member:	Total Years:
Will you be at least 14 years of age as of March 29, 2025? (Required by GSUSA Congressional Charter)	Yes		No
Are you a United States Citizen?	Yes		No

I certify that I have read the position description for National Delegate representing Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. If elected, I agree that I will carry out the responsibilities of a delegate as described in the position description and to represent Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan as an informed delegate. I agree to serve on the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Member Advisory Committee for three years, attending committee meetings and promoting Girl Scouting in my community.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Candidate Experience (for adult Girl Scouts)

Please list all your Girl Scout Experience as an adult. Include all volunteer and staff positions held. Include dates, if possible.

Position held	Dates

Candidate Experience (both girls and adults)

Please tell us about some of your most meaningful Girl Scout experiences (use a separate sheet if necessary):

Why do you think you should be chosen to represent Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan as a Delegate?

What do you think is the biggest challenge for Girl Scouting today?

What Girl Scout awards have you earned?

Selection Criteria

The selection committee will consider a number of factors as they evaluate the candidates. The following chart reflects characteristics and skills we are looking for in our Delegates. Please self-assess your level of experience in each area. Please keep in mind that no one or combination of these characteristics/skills will be weighted more than the others. Check only one box per row.

Skills	Very Experienced	Some Experience	No Experience
Strategic Thinking			
Communication			
Policy Making			
Knowledge of Girl Scouting			
Decision-making			
Adaptability			
Team building			
Listening/representation			

Can you commit to serving on the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Member Advisory Committee for three years and are you prepared to represent Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan at events on behalf of this committee?