

# Girl Scout Advisory Board to Girl Scouts of the USA Position Description & Application

**Deadline for council nominations to GSUSA: February 28, 2022, 11:59 pm EST**

**Please read the entire document before applying to be a member of the Girl Advisory Board to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).**

In 2022, GSUSA is seeking **ten** new members to join the Girl Advisory Board to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).

The Girl Advisory Board to GSUSA works with the Girl Scout national office on key projects and initiatives aligned to the national strategy and provides critical customer insight and innovative ideas to serve girls in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Members of the Girl Advisory Board will make recommendations, contribute to key initiatives, and influence decision-making processes at our national office. Girls gain experience creating change in a national nonprofit organization, receive hands-on training, professional development opportunities and skill development.

Girl Advisory Board members serve for up to two years or until their high school graduation, whichever comes first.

## **Application Qualifications**

- Enrolled in 7th – 11th grade for fall 2022.
- Registered as a Girl Scout at the time of application (if accepted, girls must renew their membership by the start of the new membership year, October 1).
- Genuine interest in taking on a leadership role on the national level of Girl Scouts.
- Ability to communicate with your peers and with adults.
- Ability to work well independently and on a team.
- Committed to using technology as a platform for research and communication.

## **Responsibilities**

- **Available to commit to attend two to three (2-3) virtual meetings each month over the next two (2) years, for a total of 50-70 hours.** These include one monthly call with the entire group; and one to two calls with a smaller subcommittee (day/time to be decided by the group).
- **Available to commit to an additional 2-4 hours per month to research or tasks outside of meetings, for a total of 50-100 hours over the next two (2) years.**
- **Subcommittee:** Members of the Girl Advisory Board will provide general feedback on key initiatives undertaken by GSUSA related to national strategy, for example, things like:
  - Serving more girls

- Researching the needs and experiences of girls with the [Girl Scout Research Institute](#)
  - Transforming the volunteer experience
  - Ensuring that our brand is relevant
  - Working effectively as a national organization
  - Enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and racial justice
- (Note: Specific projects and work within each focus area may vary widely, and girls selected for the board may end up working on projects different than the ones they describe in their applications. Members of the Girl Advisory Board must be team players, ready and willing to work together to address the most pressing needs of our Movement.)*
- Actively participate in all scheduled meetings with other Girl Advisory Board members and GSUSA staff partners.
  - Work in groups and independently to complete and present research and tasks.
  - Perform related responsibilities as assigned.

### **In Person Retreat**

In 2022, the Girl Advisory Board to GSUSA will gather at Edith Macy Conference Center in Chappaqua, New York from July 8-10, 2022. This in-person gathering is subject to change depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Attendees are required to provide proof of vaccination.

### **Application Timeline/Process**

**January 1- February 28, 2022** Councils may submit 2 nominations for the Girl Advisory Board.

**April 15, 2022** Final board members are selected by a committee comprised of GSUSA staff and national Girl Scout volunteers. GSUSA will send decision emails to all applicants, copying the council contact on each email.

**May 2022** New members of the Girl Advisory Board join for their first meeting!

**If you meet the above qualifications and can commit to the responsibilities and the above meeting schedule, please submit your application to [astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org](mailto:astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org) no later than February 14, 2022.**

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## Girl Scout Information

- First Name \_\_\_\_\_
  - Last Name \_\_\_\_\_
  - Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_
  - Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
  - Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
  - Address \_\_\_\_\_
  - Grade in Fall 2022 (girls in grades 7-11 for Fall 2022 are eligible to apply)
    - 7<sup>th</sup> grade
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade
    - 9<sup>th</sup> grade
    - 10<sup>th</sup> grade
    - 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Racial/Ethnic Background. Please select all that apply. (*optional*)
    - American Indian or Alaskan Native
    - Asian
    - Black or African American
    - Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
    - White
    - Hispanic, Latina or Latinx
    - Other
    - I choose not to share at this time.
  - Your home Girl Scout Council (Not sure? Use the [Council Finder](#)).
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## Parent/Guardian Information

- Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer Questions: Each answer must be 1,000 characters or less.**

- What interests you about applying for the Girl Advisory Board to GSUSA?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Please tell us about how you are an innovative thinker by providing an example of a time you found a smart solution to a problem, big or small.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Provide an example of a time that you worked well on a team, including experiences with both peers and with adults.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What passions or talents do you have that will benefit the Girl Advisory Board to GSUSA?

- What skills or experiences make you an excellent candidate for the Girl Advisory Board to GSUSA?

- The Girl Advisory Board will partner with GSUSA staff on key projects and initiatives that contribute to the national strategy, for example:

- Serving more girls
- Researching the needs and experiences of girls with the Girl Scout Research Institute (click the link for more information on this kind of research)
- Transforming the volunteer experience
- Ensuring that our brand is relevant
- Working effectively as a national organization
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Which of these areas are you most interested in contributing to?

- How would you contribute to work in this area? *Please note projects and subcommittees will be determined based on the overall needs of GSUSA and the makeup of the board. If accepted, you might not work on the project you wrote about, but we are interested in knowing how you think about these topics and plan around them!*

- Please describe your vision for the future of Girl Scouting.

**Video: Record yourself answering the question below in about one minute.**

- How do you embody the qualities and character of a Girl Scout?

**Link Instructions:** Upload your video to a file-sharing site that can generate a link to either view or download your video (e.g., Vimeo, YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox). Ensure that anyone with the link can view or download the video, BUT make sure your video is not publicly available or searchable. For YouTube, you can make your video "Unlisted". For Vimeo, you can add a password alongside your link.

Some video tips:

- The video can be made use any recordable device, including a smartphone, tablet, laptop or digital camera.
- Selfie-style videos are accepted and encouraged; your video does not need to be professionally shot or edited—we just want to get to know you and your interest in being a member of the Girl Advisory Board!
- If recording your video from your cell phone, please hold the phone horizontally as it captures higher quality video.

Video Link: