

National Girl Scout Advisory Board to Girl Scouts of the USA Position Description Information Sheet

Deadline for Girl Scout applications to be GSSI's nominee:

Monday, January 15, 2024, 11:59 PM CST

Deadline for GSSI nominations to GSUSA: Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 11:59 PM EST

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

In 2024, GSUSA is seeking **ten** new members to join the Girl Scout Advisory Board to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).

The national Girl Scout Advisory Board to GSUSA is a group of middle and high school Girl Scouts who make recommendations, contribute to key initiatives, and influence decision-making processes at our national office. Advisory board members develop leadership skills, collaborate with decision-makers at GSUSA, and grow skills to prepare for college and future leadership opportunities.

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

Application Qualifications

- Enrolled in 7th – 11th grade in fall 2024.
- Registered as a Girl Scout at the time of application (if accepted, Girl Scouts 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 adults.
- Ability to work well independently and on a team.
- Committed to using technology as a platform for research and communication.

Responsibilities

- **Able to attend one to two (1-2) 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 which typically takes place on the last Sunday of the month; and potentially one call with a smaller working group or subcommittee as needed.
- **Able to complete 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.**
- Actively participate in **all** scheduled meetings with other Girl Scout Advisory Board members and GSUSA staff partners.
- Communicate directly with GSUSA staff and volunteer facilitators about the advisory board work, possible absences, etc.
- Work in groups and independently to complete and present research and tasks.
- Perform related responsibilities as assigned.

In Person Retreat

The Girl Scout Advisory Board to GSUSA meets in person every other year. The next scheduled in-person gathering is scheduled to take place July 12-14, 2024, at Edith Macy Center in Chappaqua New York. This in-person gathering is subject to change depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Attendees are required to provide proof of vaccination. Retreat travel and accommodations are included for Girl Scout Advisory Board members.

Application Timeline/Process

December 1, 2023 – January 15, 2024	GSSI collects applications from eligible Girl Scouts (see next page).
January 15- January 31, 2024	GSSI reviews applications from eligible Girl Scouts and will submit their chosen nominees. Councils can submit up to two (2) nominations from their council.
April 5, 2024	Final board members are selected by a committee comprised of GSUSA staff and national Girl Scout volunteers. GSUSA will send decision emails to all nominees, copying the council contact on each email.
April 28, 2024	New members of the Girl Scout 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 Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana by sending your application to Aimee Stachura at astachura@girlscouts-gssi.org.

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Girl Scout Information

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Birthdate:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:
- Address:
- Grade (Girl Scouts in grades 7-11 in the 2024-25 school year are eligible to apply):
 - 7th grade
 - 8th grade
 - 9th grade
 - 10th grade
 - 11th grade
- Racial/Ethnic Background (*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](#)):

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 National Girl Scout 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 with youth and adults.

- In the responsibilities section, we detailed the expected time commitment for this position. Tell us about your other activities and how you think you will balance your Girl Scout Advisory Board role with your other activities.

- What skills or experiences make you an excellent candidate for the Girl Scout Advisory Board to GSUSA? What talents or passions would you want to share with other members of the Girl Scout Advisory Board?

- Members of the Girl Scout Advisory Board contribute to the national strategy at GSUSA by offering feedback and new ideas to staff members on key initiatives.
Choose one prompt below and give us your best idea:
 - What is one way for Girl Scouts to attract new members to our organization?
 - What is one way for Girl Scouts to continue to engage current members through elementary, middle, and high school?
 - What is one way for Girl Scouts to increase revenue?
 - What is one way for Girl Scouts to increase the value and recognition of the Girl Scout brand and experience with a wider audience?

- 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 using 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 Scout Advisory Board!
- If recording your video from your cell phone, please hold the phone horizontally as it captures higher-quality video.

Video Link:

NOTE: Your video and application are considered together, weighted as much as a question – All pieces of your application work together to help us understand you as an applicant.