

Election Process – MY2024 Local Delegate

Purpose of Election Process: According to Article III Section 3.A. - Each Community shall elect delegates and alternates in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors.

The number of delegates is defined in Article III Section 3.B.1. - The number of delegates and alternate delegates to which each Community is entitled shall be based on the number of girl members in the Community as of September 30th of the preceding year according to a formula established and administered by the Board of Directors. Each Community shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

Delegate Formula

- One (1) delegate;
- One (1) additional delegate for every 500 girls

Delegate Qualifications

1. Currently registered adult of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council in good standing. All household members who are registered Girl Scouts must also be in good standing.
2. Elected by the Community or appointed by the Board of Directors.
3. Willing to position council within jurisdiction for branding, funding, and partnership opportunities.
4. Understand the federated partnership and supports network alignment: One Council – One Voice in partnership with GSUSA.
5. Commitment to speak and act in a manner consistent with the Girl Scout Mission, Promise, and Law.
6. Possess mature judgment, flexibility, and enthusiasm.
7. Practice welcoming and inclusive behavior toward people of all ages, races, religions, cultures, abilities, gender, educational, and economic backgrounds.
8. Demonstrate effective communication skills.
9. Employees or former employees (part-time or full-time) are ineligible.
10. Individuals who have served two consecutive terms as a local delegate are ineligible.

Delegate Responsibilities

1. Delegates and Alternates shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and assume office.
2. Delegates are expected to attend the Annual meeting in addition to any special (quarterly) meetings.
3. According to Article VI Section 1.D. - At any Quarterly Meeting or the Annual Meeting, the Members may:
 - Elect Officers, Board of Directors members, BDC members, and in appropriate years, delegates and alternates to the National Council of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;
 - Provide input on key issues affecting the Council and the Movement; and
 - Consider any other business appropriate to come before the Council in accordance with the process established by the Board of Directors.



Delegate Benefits

- 1. Help girls become confident leaders who discover, connect, and take action in their community.**
- 2. Gain knowledge about governance and policy-making processes.**
- 3. Opportunity to sharpen facilitation and communication skills.**
- 4. Opportunity to influence decisions which benefit all girls in Gateway Council's jurisdiction and shape the future of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council.**

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Election of delegates will be held during the November Council Connection meeting.

Council Membership Managers in partnership with the Council Governance Liaison shares Notice of Election to be held at the November Council Connection meeting.

Council Governance Manager and CEO verify number of delegates per Community as defined in bylaws.

Council Membership Managers convey the number of delegates per community to the Community Volunteers and Girl Scouts as defined in Article III Section 3.B.1 of the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council.

Community Volunteers and Girl Scouts interested in serving as a local delegate for MY2024 share name and contact via application by October 26, 2023.

Council Governance Liaison prepare the list of interested parties and verifies candidates are eligible for election.

Elections will be by a vote of the majority of community members present in the Council Connection Community Breakout Session. Voting via telecommunication will follow procedures outlined in the MY2023 Virtual Meeting Special Rules.

Membership Managers report name and contact information including primary phone number and email address of elected local delegates to Council Governance Liaison and Constituency Liaison.