



Girl Representative of the Board of Directors Position Description and Expectations

Purpose

Girl Representatives of the Board of Directors participate in the governance of the Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida, support the vision and mission of GSTF, and provide a girl perspective to the work and discussion of the board. Board members participate in developing strategic direction and goals for the council and understand and support the council mission, policy and basic philosophy of the Girl Scout Movement.

Benefits

- Real-world exposure to the way non-profit organizations and corporations are governed.
- Experience in speaking out in formal meetings, voicing your opinion, and presenting your ideas in the presence of professional adults.
- Earn your Service to Girl Scouting bar after volunteering 20 hours to Girl Scouts (although the girl representative position will require more hours during the term).
- Build your resume for job, college, and scholarship applications.

Major Responsibilities

- Actively participate in GSTF board meetings and specific council events. Come well prepared, having read materials prior to meetings. Publicly support decisions of the board, regardless of a personal point of view. Maintain confidentiality.
- Provide knowledge and insight into the lives of today's girls.
- Participate in the democratic process, having full privileges of speaking and participating in all matters, except voting. (*Florida law prevents anyone under the age of 18 from serving in a voting capacity on a board of directors.*)
- Promote the Girl Representative opportunity to girls and adults members for future applicant interest.
- Serve as a leader and role model for Girl Scouts, grades K-12, by upholding the values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Length of Term

Girl Representatives serve a one-year term.

Meetings and Time Commitment

Regular Board Meetings – The Board of Directors meets formally by phone or in person at locations to be determined, in the evening. The first scheduled meeting for the 2019 term is January 30, 2019. Future dates to be determined.

- Annual Meeting – February 23, 2019
- Time Commitment – No more than 4 hours per month.

Financial Expectations

- Maintains membership in the Girl Scouts of the USA \$25 and annual Council Fee \$15.
- Provides for transportation, travel and minor expenses at individual's own expense

Requirements

- Be in 9th, 10th or 11th grade
- Be a current member of GSUSA and accept the principles, beliefs and values of Girl Scouting
- Understand cultural, social and economic trends affecting girls today and their impact on Girl Scouting and its activities.
- Read, understand and commit to the Position Description and Expectations

To apply, please submit

- A completed and signed application (attached).
- Two letters of recommendation addressing your leadership, maturity and ability to follow through.
 - One from a Girl Scout volunteer
 - One from someone not related to you (i.e. from school, faith organization, or other organization)

After review of the applications, the Board Development committee will conduct interviews with the finalists on December 8, 2018 at the Girl Scout Service Center.

Successful candidates will be notified by email by November 30, 2018.

Please send completed and signed Application and two sealed letters of recommendation to:

Lori Ross, Director of Programs

lross@girlscoutsfl.org

Submission deadline is November 19, 2018



Application for Girl Representative to Board of Directors

Name

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

School Grade as of Sept. 1, 2018

Girl Scout Level

Years in Scouting

Describe your involvement in Girl Scouts

Tell us about any High Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold) you have earned or are working on

Describe how Girl Scouting has made a difference in your life

Describe the characteristics you feel are most important in leadership

Please list other extra-curricular activities in which you are involved and positions (if any) you hold

Tell us why you wish to serve as a Girl Representative to the Board of Directors

Describe how you see your role on the Board of Directors

If appointed, describe how you would utilize the position to benefit the lives of girls

I have received, reviewed and, if appointed, accept the responsibilities and commitments associated with service on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Inc. I accept the expectations as outlined and agree to have my name entered into the candidate pool for the term listed

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Permission

I am the legal parent/guardian of _____ and give my permission for her, if appointed, to serve as a girl representative on the GSCTF Board of Directors. I have reviewed the expectations outlined and understand the associated time commitments, travel requirements and costs necessary for her to fulfill her responsibilities. I understand and will uphold with her confidentiality of all board business.

Signature

Date

Print Name _____