GSUSA Delegation Application

Commission on the Status of Women 70th Session
March 6 - 14, 2026 New York, NY

Each year, GSUSA joins over 5,000 women and girls from around the world at the United Nations headquarters in New York to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). CSW is a functional commission of the UN, dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. Every year, national representatives of Member States gather for a two-week session to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and the advancement of women worldwide. As NGO Consultative members, Girl Scouts of the USA and the World Association of Girl Guides/Girl Scouts participate to bring the voice of girls and young women to the global stage.

Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas is seeking applications from girls interested in serving as CSW girl delegates representing GSUSA during the first week of the session, March 9 – 13, 2026. As CSW delegates, girls will have an opportunity to learn and engage on GSUSA's work around global advocacy, learn about global issues, how global entities function and let their voices be heard on key global issues impacting girls and young women. Additionally, girls chosen as delegates for CSW **may also be asked to work with Council & GSUSA to lead Girl Scout CSW virtual programs in the spring/summer 2026.**

Interested girls should meet the following criteria:

- Able to attend CSW70 March 6-14, 2026
- Participate in program prep & events from September 2025-June 2026 (TBC)
- A Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout
- Able to represent the diversity and inclusiveness of the Girl Scout movement
- Personal experience or connection with the themes under discussion preferred: Environmental sustainability & girls entrepreneurship

All applicants should be prepared to

1) Participate in a 20-minute interview. Council will reach out to schedule.
2) Actively engage in all prep work, which includes attending biweekly webinars beginning in September 2025, completing readings/ homework, and one group presentation—prior to attending the conference in March.
3) Complete an Amplification/Take Action Project on gender equality in your council by July 2026.

Application Form

Name:	Age:
Home Address:	Date of Birth:
	Telephone Number:
Mailing Address (if different from home address):	
	Email Address:

Providing the following information on racial background is entirely voluntary. This information will be used by Girl Scouts of the USA to help improve outreach efforts and advance the Girl Scout Movement.

Racial background: ***(please check as many as apply)***

O American Indian or Alaskan Native O Asian O Black or African American
O Hawaiian or Pacific Islander O White O Other *(specify _____)*

Please indicate if you are of Hispanic origin O Yes O No

Are you currently a registered Girl Scout? O Yes O No

Girl Scout Council:

Why are you interested in a representing GSUSA at the 2026 Commission on the Status of Women session? ***(Please use this space to tie in your areas of interest. You may choose to expand upon your interests on global issues, gender equality, environmental sustainability, advocacy or other topics tackled at the conference.)***

What are you hoping to gain from this experience? What can you bring to the delegation?

Why do you think gender equality is such a pressing issue <u>for girls</u> in the 21st century?
Please describe any personal connection or interest you have to this year's theme, *ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers.*
If chosen to join the delegation, you will be asked to implement an amplification project where you share the CSW experience with up to 100 other girls in or outside of your council. Briefly describe how you could implement this project?
If chosen to join the delegation, you will be asked to join the delegation in planning and implementing a regional CSW for Girl Scouts around the country. Briefly describe

your vision of what this program could look like and what role you could be interested in playing at your council:
Describe your involvement in Girl Scouting:
Is there anything else you would like us to know? *(Use this time to tell us anything that you may not have highlighted during your application).*
Optional In order to get to know you better you have the option of attaching a video *(60 seconds or less)* that answers the following question: How are you a global citizen?

Submission Please submit the above information via email attachment to Stacy Cushing at scushing@gsnetx.org. All information must be received by September 12, 2025.