**Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore**

**Operational Unit Delegate Description**

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| **Position:** | Operational Unit Delegate |
| **Purpose:** | To represent the membership to the Board of Directors. It is the delegate's responsibility to be the liaison between the board of directors, council staff and the constituents they represent and will receive reports from the Board regarding Council and National issues. |

**Delegate Formula:**

Each Operational Unit is entitled to elect fifteen (15) adult Operational Unit Delegates and ten (10) girl Operational Unit Delegates. The Board of Directors may appoint up to ten (10) at-large Delegates to ensure that the Delegates accurately represent the diversity of the Council.

**Responsibilities and duties:**

* **Attends the Annual Delegate Meeting \* (*Tuesday*, October 27, 2026) and Delegate Forums:**
	+ **Delegate Forum 1: November 13, 2025, 6:00 pm-7:15 pm, Virtual**
	+ **Delegate Forum 2: March 25, 2026, 6:00 pm-7:15 pm, Virtual**
	+ **Proposal Review Session: August 2026, 6:00 pm-7:15pm, Virtual (if needed)**
* Offers input to the Board of Directors through discussions at the Delegate Forums and the Annual Delegate Meeting.
* Votes on issues affecting the entire Council and reports results back to the Operational Unit membership.
* Maintains communication with Operational Unit membership.

**Qualifications:**

* Maintains membership in GSUSA.
* Demonstrates knowledge of the Girl Scout Movement and interest in policy influencing.
* Exercises flexibility, open-mindedness, sound judgment, and objectivity when analyzing issues.
* Demonstrates good communications skills.
* Demonstrates a willingness to devote sufficient time to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.
* Demonstrates the ability to develop a working relationship with other volunteers.
* Meets eligibility requirements of the operational unit delegate policies and procedures.
* Supports Council goals.

 **Delegate Eligibility**

Any member of an Operational Unit in the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, Inc. (“Council”) in good standing at least 14 years of age, is eligible to be an Operational Unit Delegate, unless (1) the member is employed by the Council or is a member of the Council Board of Directors, or (2) the member was removed as a Delegate in the immediately preceding year.

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| **Term:** | Delegate and At-Large terms shall begin at the close of the Annual Business Meeting. Delegates shall serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected. |