



TEEN ADVISORY GROUP Position & Application Information Sheet

Deadline to apply: June 1, 2022, 11:59 p.m. EST

Please read the entire document before applying to be a member of the Teen Advisory Group.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Teen Advisory Group Member

TERM: 16 months – August of current membership year to December of following membership year; Renewable annually up to 2 terms.

ACCOUNTABLE TO: CEO; Program Director; Highest Awards & Teen Experience Program Specialist

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a registered Cadette, Senior or Ambassador member at the time of application of the Girl Scouts of the USA (if accepted, girls must renew their membership by the start of the new membership year, October 1).
- Be enrolled in 8th-12th grade for the coming fall.

MISSION: The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) gives girls who are 14 years or older in 8th – 12th grade who are registered members of Girl Scouts of Maine, the opportunity to serve as the girl-voice of our council; their focus and projects will depend on the needs of Maine Girl Scouts. By lending a voice to a movement that wants, needs, and values girl-led contributions, these young leaders will play a significant role in shaping the ongoing program development work of Girl Scouts of Maine. Through girl-led activities, the group will enrich the lives of girls through leadership projects, mentorship, and living by the Girl Scout Law. The Teen Advisory Group will be comprised of up to 9 girl members from our council. Each girl brings her unique perspective from her experiences, background, and geographic area to create a unified voice and vision for girls across the state.

PURPOSE: This select group of girls will work as an advisory group that partners with staff members on projects ranging from programs, girl activities, girl engagement,

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trainings, marketing, social trends, and such other areas. TAG members will also have the opportunity to share their input with Girl Scouts of Maine's Board of Directors. Additionally, each girl in the advisory group will assist with planning and/or facilitating GSME events.

PRIMARY TASKS:

- Work with Teen Advisory Group members to review and provide input on GSME programming and projects while providing meaningful feedback in a supportive and welcoming format.
- Act as a planning team member for at least one GSME event or program, including but not limited to, Transforming Leadership, World Thinking Day, Green ME Up, Outdoor Day, GSME Grand Prix, etc.
- Regularly attend monthly meetings of the Teen Advisory Group (connecting online).
- Check and respond to emails regularly (at least once per week).

CORE ABILITIES:

- Commitment to inclusion of all girls, regardless of race, ethnicity, physical or mental differences, geographic location, socioeconomic status, educational background, or any other difference
- Respect for diverse viewpoints and willingness to engage in discussion
- Genuine interest in taking on a leadership role on the state level of Girl Scouts.
- Ability to communicate with your peers and with adults.
- Understanding of age-level characteristics.
- Ability to work well independently and on a team.
- Committed to using technology as a platform for research and communication.

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COMMITMENT - Input from everyone is a key part of the group's mission; therefore, attendance should be made a priority. We recognize that illnesses and scheduling conflicts occur on occasion. However, we request that careful consideration be given to whether you can meet the time commitments outlined below.

- Available to commit to attend bi-monthly, virtual meetings over the next 16 months.
- Available to commit to an additional 2-4 hours per month to research or tasks outside of meetings including but not limited to writing newsletter articles, program/event engagements, etc.
- Subcommittee: Members of the Teen Advisory Group will regularly attend scheduled planning team meetings as assigned for GSME program and events, such as:
 - World Thinking Day
 - Transforming Leadership
 - Green ME Up
 - Outdoor Day
 - GSME Grand Prix
- Subcommittee roles and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:
 - Actively contribute to the format and content of programs and events.
 - Develop materials and content for programs and events.
 - Assist with facilitating and executing programs and events on scheduled dates.
 - Actively contribute to program and event debriefings.
- Actively participate in all scheduled meetings with other Teen Advisory Group members and GSME staff partners.
- Participate in program support, speak at GSME events, and represent GSME at various events.
- Attend TAG planned programs and events if not part of the planning team

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Teen Advisory Group Timeline

August 2022	TAG Term Begins - Group Meeting
September 2022	(No meeting unless required)
October 2022	Group Meeting; GSME Grand Prix
November 2022	Transforming Leadership
December 2022	Group Meeting
January 2023	(No meeting unless required)
February 2023	Group Meeting
March 2023	World Thinking Day; (No meeting unless required)
April 2023	Group Meeting; Green ME Up
May 2023	TAG application released. All registered Girl Scouts who will be in 8-12th grade in the fall and meet the above qualifications are eligible to apply. Outdoor Day (No meeting in unless required}
June 2023	Group Meeting; Application period closes
July 2023	Applicants notified of their status via email
August 2023	New Term Begins – Group Meeting
September 2023	(No meeting unless required)
October 2023	Group Meeting; GSME Grand Prix
November 2023	Transforming Leadership
December 2023	TAG Term Ends; Group Meeting

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If you meet the above qualifications and can commit to the responsibilities and the above meeting schedule, review the application questions below and apply here <https://forms.gle/sHaeXtaWURsNqcBF9!>

Application Questions

General Information

- Your First Name, Last Name, Birthdate, Email Address, Phone Number, Address
- Parent/Guardian Name, Email Address & Phone Number
- Your Grade (girls in grades 8-12 as of fall 2022 are eligible to apply)

Short Answer Questions: *Each answer must be less than 1,000 characters including spaces.*

- What interests you about applying for the Teen Advisory Group?
- 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, including experiences with both peers and with adults.
- What passions or talents do you have that will benefit the Teen Advisory Group?
- What skills or experiences make you an excellent candidate for the Teen Advisory Group?
- Please describe your vision for the future of Girl Scouting.

Video (optional):

- **Before you start this application, record yourself answering the question below in about one minute.**
- How do you embody the qualities and character of a Girl Scout?

Some video tips:

- The video can be made using any record-able 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 Teen Advisory Group!
- If recording your video from your cell phone, please hold the phone *horizontally* as it captures higher quality video.