

# GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF THE HUDSON, Inc COUNCIL

## Join the Board of Directors

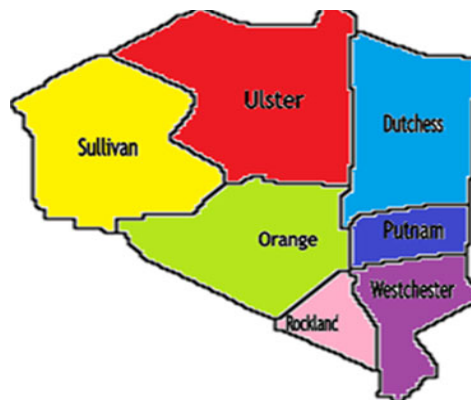
Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.



On March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low when 18 girls gathered and registered for the first troop in Savannah, GA. Juliette believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid.

Within a few years, Juliette's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) has a membership of more than 3 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings. In fact, more than 60 million women in the U.S today are Girl Scout alumnae.

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc serves more than 26,000 members across seven counties in the lower Hudson Valley – Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester. We are chartered by GSUSA, the world's only leadership development organization for girls.



We believe that every girl has the potential for success and that Girl Scouting helps girls learn positive values, build self confidence, and learn real-world leadership skills. Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc is headquartered in Pleasantville, NY. We also have regional offices in Montgomery, New City, and Poughkeepsie, NY.

We invite you to learn about our robust organization and its rich history. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness – Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere. At Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc we are developing tomorrow's leaders through girl-driven programs. Girls create a lifetime of memories and participate in one-of-a-kind programs designed to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

## BOARD DIRECTOR ROLE



Girl Scouts is a lot of fun, but it's also a business with a corporate structure.

When Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts, she understood that dedicated and dynamic leaders were vital to helping girls develop their full potential. Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc is led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers. The combined expertise of these individuals provides the leadership to set the direction of the Council and establish the governance that guides us.

The role of the Board of Directors is to oversee the corporate business and governance of the Council, such as:

- Working with the CEO to determine the vision of Girl Scouting and ensuring that appropriate resources exist to carry out strategic priorities.
- Establishing policies necessary for the development and advancement of Girl Scouting in the Council's jurisdiction.
- Ensuring all governance documents are updated and maintained appropriately.
- Ensuring that the Council is positioned in the community to achieve the maximum benefit for all girls.
- Monitoring and evaluating the organization's performance, directing resources in full support of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

One of the most powerful results of living the Girl Scout Law is the ability to exercise and recognize true leadership. Being honest and fair, courageous and strong, using resources wisely, respecting yourself and others, and making the world a better place...these are values that our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers continually teach, model, and reinforce.

With the support, vision, and commitment of these role models, girls have the opportunity to find – and become – leaders in their communities and the world.

## BOARD DIRECTOR COMMITMENT

Board Directors commit their time, talent and treasure to Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc in the following ways:

### TIME

- Attend Board meetings, typically held the fourth Wednesday of September, October, January, March, and May.
- Serve on at least one Board committee during each year on the Board and serve as a member of the delegate body.
- Review all materials in preparation for discussion and decision-making critical to conducting the business of the Council.
- Serve and attend Council events, and community events and/or activities, representing and promoting Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.

### TALENT

- Keep current on trends and developments in the community in order to contribute fully to the thoughts and discussion of the particular subject matter.
- Advocate for the Girl Scout Movement and causes set by GSUSA.
- Listen to the opinion of others.
- Actively participate in the decision-making process.
- Accept and support majority Board decisions regardless of personal opinions.
- Respect and maintain confidentiality in the work of the Board.
- Support and contribute to the development of the Council's strategic priorities.



### TREASURE

- Register annually or as a Lifetime Member with the Girl Scout organization.
- Make an annual meaningful financial contribution to Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.d
- Participate fully in developing the Council's financial resources.
- Supply names and open doors for potential donors to the Council.

# BOARD DIRECTOR APPLICATION OF INTEREST

The Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc Board of Directors governs the overall execution of the organization’s mission. Terms are three years with a Board Director serving no more than two consecutive terms beginning at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Candidates are referred to the Board Development Committee to review qualifications and recommend election of suitable candidates to the Board of Directors. Candidates will be selected so the Board and its committees represent diverse groups and a variety of experiences. Elections are held at the Council's Annual Meeting each spring.

Candidates not selected for Board membership may also be referred for ad hoc committees or other volunteer positions.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Send completed form to:

**Fay Casatuta, Board President**

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<b>Employer/Business</b>			<b>Title</b>
<b>Employer/Business Address</b>			
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP</b>	<b>Phone</b>

**Please select the appropriate sector(s) that best describe(s) your employer/business.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |  |  |   |

**Please indicate your top 3 strengths, skills and/or areas of expertise.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Policies and Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Oversight     | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing/Reading   | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Networking/Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Media/Communications    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Development     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance              | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources         | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IT/Technical            | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                   | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate             | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not for Profit          | <input type="checkbox"/> Academia                | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Operations  |
| Other _____                                      |  |   |

**What specifically interests you about serving on the Board of Directors?**

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**If applicable, describe your Girl Scout experience and participation, both current and past.**

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**Describe your experience in other community organizations, service on Boards, or advisory committees.**

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**List any Boards you are currently serving on or have previously served on, including Girl Scouts.**

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**Indicate the length of your Board appointment(s) and if the organization was for profit or not for profit. If you were active on a Girl Scout Board, please indicate the Council name.**

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Please attach a resume or brief biography to this application.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. You will be contacted by a member of the Board Development Committee to schedule an interview and/or advise you of the status of your application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_