

GSUSA Delegation Application
Commission on the Status of Women 64th Session
March 6 – 13, 2020 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.

2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**, a visionary agenda for the empowerment of women and girls worldwide. To mark this anniversary and to review the obstacles that remain in law and culture, UN Women will host a Global Gender Equality Forum in Mexico City, Mexico May 7-8, 2020 and Paris, France July 7-10, 2020.

Spirit of Nebraska is seeking applications from girls interested in serving as CSW girl delegates representing GSUSA during the first week of the session, March 9 – 20, 2020. As CSW delegates, girls will travel to New York, 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 delegate for CSW **may** also have the opportunity to attend one of the Global Gender Equality Forum sessions. This process will be determined in spring 2020.

Interested girls should meet the following criteria:

- Able to attend CSW64 March 6-13, 2020.
- Available to attend one or both of forums in Mexico City (May 6-10) and Paris (July 5-11)
- A Senior or 1st year Ambassador
- Able to represent the diversity and inclusiveness of the Girl Scout movement
- Personal experience or connection with the themes under discussion preferred: Beijing Platform for Action and Sustainable Development Goals

All applicants should be prepared to

- 1) Participate in a 20-minute phone interview during the week of November 4-8 and
- 2) Actively engage in all prep work—biweekly webinars beginning in December 2019, readings, etc.—prior to attending the conference in March.
- 3) Complete a Take Action Project on gender equality in your council by July 2021.

Applicants must be mature enough to travel without a parent/guardian (Spirit of Nebraska will provide a chaperone). The purpose of this opportunity is to be a delegate representing GSUSA/Spirit of Nebraska, **not sightseeing** in New York or Paris.

Why do you think gender equality is such a pressing issue for girls in the 21st century?

Please describe any personal connection you have to human rights issues, such as the issues identified in [Section L of the Beijing Platform for Action](#) or issues such as violence, migration, conflict and war, or poverty.

If chosen to join the delegation, you will be asked to complete a Take Action Project in the year after the Global Gender Equality Forum, that will address gender equality in your community or beyond, and should include an educational component for younger girls in your community. Briefly describe your ability to share what you learn with girls, at your local 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 Renae Ninneman at rinneman@girlscoutsnebraska.org. All information must be received by October 31.