



# Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons

**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 eighteen girls gathered and registered for the first troop in Savannah, Georgia. Low 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.

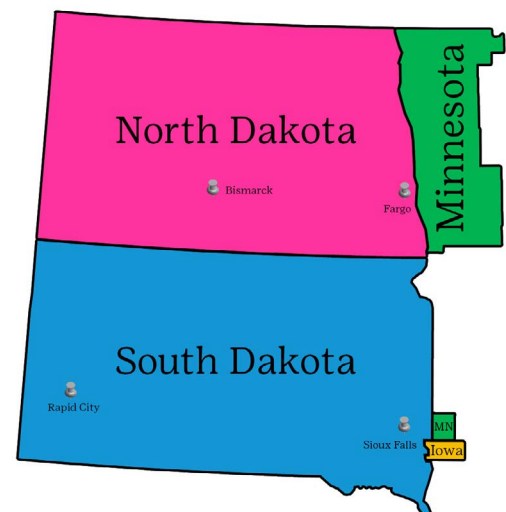


Within a few years, Juliette's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 2.5 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago. In fact, more than 50 million women in the U.S. today are Girl Scout alum. 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.

Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons serves more than 10,000 members in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. We are chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA (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 Dakota Horizons council area includes cities, towns and communities covering more than 164,000 square miles and includes girls on 13 Native American Reservations and 3 Air Force Bases. We have divided our council jurisdiction into four (4) geographic areas that house four (4) offices to serve our members and volunteers. The council is headquartered in Sioux Falls, SD.

At Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons, 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 Member 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. The Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Council is led by the Chief Executive Officer, a board of directors, headquarters 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 the 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; and,
- 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 staff, board, 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.





# Commitment

Board Members commit their time, talent and treasure to the council in the following ways:

## TIME

- Attend board and committee meetings.
- Serve on one board committee and/or task group during each year on the board.
- Attend the Annual Meeting of Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons held each spring.
- Participate in the biennial Board Retreat.
- Review all materials in preparation for discussion and decision-making critical to conducting the business of the council.
- Support and attend community events and/or activities, representing and promoting Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons.

## TALENT

- Keep abreast of developments and trends 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 opinions 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.
- Each board member is asked to make an annual financial contribution that is personally meaningful to them. We encourage you to consider making Girl Scouts one of your top philanthropic priorities.
- Build our philanthropic ecosystem by opening doors to individuals and entities who may be inspired by our mission.

# Board of Directors Application of Interest

The Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board of Directors governs the overall execution of the organization’s mission. The Board of Directors consists of 16 voting members. Terms are 2 years with a board member serving no more than 5 terms.

Candidates are referred to the Board Development Committee to review qualifications and recommend election of suitable candidates to the Board of Directors. Candidates shall be selected so the board and committees represent diverse groups and a variety of experiences. Elections are held at the council’s Annual Meeting in the spring of each year.

Candidates not selected for board membership may also be referred for a task or a committee appointment or other volunteer positions.

Please complete electronically and email to: [annualmeeting@gsdakotahorizons.org](mailto:annualmeeting@gsdakotahorizons.org)

- or -

Send completed hard copy to:

Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons, Attn: Board Development Committee  
1101 S. Marion Road, Sioux Falls SD 57106-3466

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Please select the appropriate sector(s) that best describe(s) your employer business:

- Government                       Banking/Finance                       Small Business/Entrepreneur
- Education                               Health Care                               Nonprofit

Media/Communications

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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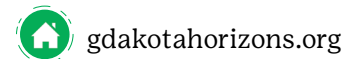
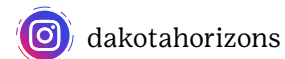
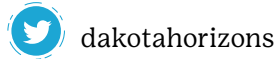
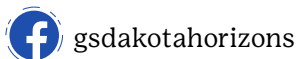
What specifically interests you about serving on our board?

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

Please describe your sphere of influence and network.

We'd like to get to know you. Please **attach a resume** (optional) or brief biography with this application.

**Let us share more about Girl Scouts! Find us on social media:**



**I understand the commitment outlined in the areas of Time, Talent, and Treasure.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_