

Council Advisory Team (CAT)

PURPOSE:

The Council Advisory Team (CAT) is a select group of members who are the voice from their regional areas, sharing/discussing information and issues with the Girl Scouts – Diamonds President/CEO and the 2nd Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, and will be responsible for taking information back to their respective service units and sharing with the other members.

STRUCTURE:

The Council Advisory Team term will officially start on October 1 of each year (the beginning of the fiscal and membership year). Members may serve two (2) two - (2) year terms with a roll-off for a minimum of one year. Each service unit will select one (1) adult and two (2) girl CAT members. CAT members may not hold one of the three (3) key positions on the service unit team. The maximum number of adult and girl CAT members that a region can have is based on the number of service units in that region.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A COUNCIL ADVISORY TEAM MEMBER:

- Candidates (adults and girls) must be currently registered members of Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Adult candidates must have a current approved background check on file with the council (every three years).
- Candidates must be in good financial standing with the Diamonds Council, which includes no outstanding debt or financial reports within the last 12 months of application for Council Advisory Team service.
- Adult candidates wanting to serve as the CAT member for their service unit may not hold one of the three (3) key positions on the service team: Service Unit Director, Service Unit Product Sales Manager and Service Unit Treasurer. However, if a service unit does not have a candidate willing to serve, the service unit may submit a letter of appeal to the 2nd Vice Chair of the Board of Directors to approve of one of the three key positions to be the CAT member for their service unit.
- Girl candidates must be 14 years or older and still attending school to be eligible for a position on the Council Advisory Team.

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SELECTION PROCESS:

- Service unit teams recruit and select their adult and girl representatives. Each service unit can determine their method of selection.
- Service unit directors will submit their representatives using the digital submission form [Service Unit Council Advisory Team Representative Submission Form](#)
- CAT members who are eligible to serve a second term must still go through their service unit selection process as outlined above.

DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL ADVISORY TEAM MEMBERS:

- CAT members will officially start their term October 1 of each year. Members may serve two (2) - two (2)-year terms with a roll-off for a minimum of one year.
- CAT members will meet a minimum of three (3) times a year. The 2nd Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and the President/CEO will schedule a fall and spring CAT meeting. The CAT will also convene during the Annual Meeting each year. CAT members are required to attend two of the three meetings.
- CAT members will be the voice from their regional areas, sharing/discussing information and issues with the Girl Scouts – Diamonds President/CEO and the 2nd Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.
- CAT members will be responsible for taking information back to their respective service units and sharing with the other members.
- A CAT member may be removed from their position by a vote of the service unit they represent. The 2nd Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and/or the President/CEO of the Girl Scouts - Diamonds Council can recommend to the service unit to remove the CAT member for not meeting the requirements and/or not performing the duties of their position. They may also be removed for not representing the service unit and/or the Council in a positive manner.

CAT MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY AS NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES AND GIRL AMBASSADORS:

- CAT members are eligible to apply as a National Council Delegate or Girl Ambassador representing Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.
- One year prior to GSUSA's National Convention, Girl Scouts – Diamonds will announce their delegates and Girl Ambassador selection at the Girl Scouts – Diamonds Annual Meeting.

***Approved by Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Board of Directors,
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