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Girl Scouts of West Central Florida
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Application Due: Dec. 31, 2009

GIRL SCOUTS OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA
Application for
Girl Member on the Board of Directors

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone: Service Unit:
Email:
Age:
Grade & School:

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1. Why do you want to serve as a member of the Board of Directors?
 2. How would you gather input and opinions from other Girl Scouts and share what you learned at Board meetings with other Girl Scouts?
 3. Have you ever participated in the governing body of a non-profit or charitable organization before? ____ If yes, tell us about it.
 4. Are you willing to fulfill all of the responsibilities in the job description attached?
 5. What recognitions have you earned from Girl Scouts? (e.g. Gold Award, Silver Award, Silver or Gold Leadership)
 6. What Council-wide events or committees have you participated in? Please describe your participation.
 7. Have you represented Girl Scouts to any outside organizations? ____ If yes, describe.
 8. Please provide any other comments that will help the Board Development Committee determine who would best represent the girls on the Council Board of Directors. (Use reverse)

This Portion Must Be Completed and Signed:

Parental Approval: I have reviewed the job description for the Board of Directors and understand the time commitment and responsibilities involved. My daughter has permission to serve as a girl member of the Board. I will help her obtain the transportation necessary to attend Board meetings and other Board events.

Parent name: _____ Phone: _____
Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

The Role of a Board Member

Board members must:

- Accept the basic beliefs and principles that support the organization
- Become registered members of the Girl Scout movement

Board members are responsible for:

- Assuring that the beliefs and principles of the movement and the council's total needs are reflected in the decisions they make
- Participating actively in developing the council's financial resources by making a significant personal financial contribution and by influencing contributions from others
- Understanding the budget-building process as it relates to council goals and objectives and to financial reports and the annual audit.

Board members are expected to:

- Attend a majority of the Board meetings
- Be actively engaged throughout the year in some aspect of the Council's fund development program
- Serve on at least one Standing Committee or task force
- Support the council through an annual leadership gift commitment (except girl members)
- Accept and support majority board decisions despite personal opinion to the contrary
- Respect and maintain confidentiality
- Relinquish operational management functions while a member of the Board of Directors

Major functions of the Board:

- Fulfilling charter and corporate obligations
- Policy-making
- Fund development
- Strategic planning
- Financial management
- Relating to the Chief Executive Officer
- Interacting with the community

The Board is accountable to:

- The corporation
- The National Board of Directors of GSUSA
- Local, state and federal governments
- The communities it serves