



December 14, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian of Girl Scouts 14 years of age and older:

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana is seeking applications for girl representatives to serve on the council's board of directors. This is a very special and prestigious honor that we hope you will encourage your daughter to embrace.

We are an organization dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place, and therefore believe that we must have girl representation on our board to ensure that girls' voices are present and part of the process.

The newly adopted bylaws for our council direct the board to appoint six Girl Scout representatives to the council's board of directors. Girls appointed to the board of directors will participate as non-voting members in discussions and will help the adult members of the board make decisions that reflect our girl members. Girls' opinions are important and want to hear what our girl members have to say.

Nominations are being accepted NOW for girl members who are at least 14 years old and no older than a high school junior so that the term can be completed before graduating from high school.

The application packet must be filled out completely, and girls will need to secure references as well from an adult who knows them. The girls' attendance at the board meetings is important, so please read through those expectations carefully and ensure that your daughter has your commitment to help her attend those meetings which are held in downtown Chicago every other month.

Applications completed by girl candidates, as well as their letters of reference, may be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail. These must be received (by mail, fax or e-mail) by Jan. 29, 2010, to be considered by the Board Development Committee. An interview will be conducted with girls who meet all the expectations and requirements of the process.

Please note: Girls must be 14 years old by Jan. 1, 2010, to be considered for this position.

Sincerely,

Margaret Stender, Chair
Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana
Board Development Committee