Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. Our research-proven programs cultivate important life skills and curiosities that empower girls to take the lead in their own lives and the world.

We work with policymakers at all levels to advance public policies that champion the leadership potential of girls and to develop policy solutions that bring us closer to achieving a more inclusive society. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central values to our Movement. We are committed to applying this lens consistently to the public policies we support and endorse.

Our 2021 and 2022 public policy goals help us build tomorrow’s innovators and leaders.

**Inspire Greater Civic Engagement and Civic Education**

- Expand girls’ access to civic education, including service-learning projects and informal educational programs that take place out of school.
- Improve girls’ practical understanding of the systems, laws, and processes that govern society at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Encourage a sense of personal and community responsibility to engage in civic processes such as voting.

**Fuel Girls’ Passion for STEM**

- Invest in STEM programs through state partnerships with community organizations and schools.
- Promote proven techniques for engaging girls in STEM, including single-gender learning environments and hands-on, inquiry-based learning.
- Introduce girls to diverse role models and mentors in STEM.
- Expand out-of-school STEM programming to girls and traditionally underrepresented groups including English language learners, racial minorities, and other students served by Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- Encourage state agencies to invest in developing STEM career paths for girls and other traditionally underrepresented groups.

**Strengthen Girls’ Financial Literacy and Business Skills**

- Ensure all girls gain financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills.
- Bolster the role of youth-serving organizations in promoting real-world financial literacy and entrepreneurial experiences in all-girl environments.
- Expand state initiatives that support financial literacy and entrepreneurial programs through partnerships with community organizations and schools.
- Leverage educational technology to strengthen youth’s financial literacy capabilities.
Expand Girls’ Access to Outdoor Adventure

- Ensure all girls can participate in transformative outdoor experiences regularly and in varied ways.
- Engage girls from underserved and marginalized communities in outdoor experiences by identifying and lowering barriers to access and inclusion.
- Provide girls with opportunities to explore solutions to conservation-related issues, thereby advancing their understanding of the natural sciences, natural resource management, and related STEM careers.
- Engage girls in environmental stewardship and advocacy so they learn the value of protecting our world and, in the process, learn to advocate for themselves.

Uphold a Strong Nonprofit Community

- Protect and expand nonprofit exemptions from state and local property, sales, and use taxes, and from collecting sales and use taxes.
- Preserve nonprofits’ tax exemption by opposing the imposition of taxes, fees, and payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) on tax-exempt organizations.
- Provide financial assistance to nonprofits experiencing economic hardship due to public health emergencies and natural disasters.
- Encourage individuals’ charitable donations by supporting existing and new tax incentives that foster charitable giving, including universal or non-itemizer charitable deductions.
- Eliminate floors, caps, or limits on existing charitable giving incentives.