

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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Dear American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Citizen,

Congratulations on your selection to attend American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State. Attending ALA Girls State is an opportunity afforded to you because of your accomplishments at school and in your community. You were selected because of your leadership ability and character. You join more than one million women who have experienced ALA Girls State since 1937. Many have since become leaders in their communities, states, and across the nation. ALA Girls State presents not only a learning experience, but a chance to meet other students with the same high expectations for their future.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a fast-paced immersion into experiencing government. Since this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we encourage you to embrace this experience to learn and grow. Now is the time to participate, get involved, run for office, make friends, write a bill, help on someone's campaign, and step out of your comfort zone. You will gain so much from your efforts, and you will have so much more fun being involved. ALA Girls State has the possibility to open doors for scholarships and entrance into military academies and colleges across the country.

America's veterans, and those serving currently in the military, are our true heroes; the sacrifices they and their families have given continue to allow us to live free. The American Legion Auxiliary is an organization of volunteers serving veterans and their families. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud to be the sponsor of this educational program, and we are excited to have you participate.

Your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Units have worked to send you to this program, and they will be excited to hear about your week. After your ALA Girls State session, please take the time to share your experiences with your family, friends and school, plus make a special point to thank the onsite volunteers and the American Legion Auxiliary members that sponsored your attendance.

Have a wonderful week! Remember to take pride in our country and its form of government and in yourself. Make the most of the week and embrace the opportunities. At the end of the week, we hope you will have lasting memories and valued friendships.

Congratulations & welcome to ALA Girls State!

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