

## Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to any young woman in her Junior or third year of high school (prior to starting the 12th grade) who is properly selected, meeting all qualifications, and who is able to attend the entire session.

### Qualifications and Selection

Arkansas Girls State students are chosen on the following qualifications in this order of importance:

**LEADERSHIP, CHARACTER and HONESTY, SCHOLARSHIP, COOPERATIVENESS, and COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION and SERVICE.**

The High School Principal and a selected committee of teachers make selection of students. The Unit Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, and the High School Principal will receive notification regarding selection. All schools and chairman are required to follow the suggestions that will be given by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas Girls State Committee. The final approval of young women selected must be left to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit and the Arkansas Girls State Committee.

### Applications and Deadlines

**Early application and enrollment is necessary.** Notification and Application Registration Forms are sent to the local Unit President and/or to some High School Principals. Applicants will be accepted in the order in which they are received. The deadline for all applicants must be submitted to the American Legion Auxiliary—Department of Arkansas Headquarters no **later than Friday, APRIL 28, 2017.** The non-refundable payment of delegate fees must be submitted with the application.

Each student accepted into the Arkansas Girls State Session will receive notification via e-mail.



**ALA Arkansas Girls State Sessions teach young women the knowledge of responsible citizenship and love of God and country.**

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## Program and Purpose

The ALA Girls State program in Arkansas, is a program planned to provide citizenship training for young women of high school age; to afford them an opportunity to live together in mythical cities and counties as self-governing citizens; to inform them about the duties, privileges, and participation in the functioning of their government; and to help them grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities which they must assume when they become adults. The delegates elect their own officials, organize their own legislature, and have official visits with their respective counterparts in the Capitol.

*American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State is an educational program of citizenship.*



## History of Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary first sponsored Girls State in 1937 and now 49 State Departments have a Girls State program. Over 16,000 high school young women are now involved annually, and it is estimated that nearly one million young women have participated in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program since its beginning. Many high profile and successful women in the United States today confirm their attendance as an American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Delegate among their achievements and credentials.

## What is Arkansas Girls State?

ALA Arkansas Girls State is a program of education, which has been sponsored by the ALA Department of Arkansas since 1942. It has provided training for over 55,000 Arkansas young women in the fundamental aspects of citizenship and practical government for the past seventy-four (74) years. The purpose of ALA Arkansas Girls State is to educate young women of high school age in the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizenship and to provide an opportunity for them to participate in the actual function of their government.

## Place, Facilities, and Medical Service

American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State will be held from **May 28 through June 2, 2017**, on the campus of **Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas**. All young women will be housed in dormitories on the campus. The students will be under the supervision of City Counselors. A Nurse will be on the staff and in attendance at all times. Health and Accident Insurance protects the American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State students from the time they leave home until they return. All students attending should be in good health, well adjusted mentally, socially, and physically, and able to submit upon arrival a **Doctor's Medical Certificate of Health (physical) completed during the school year or thirty days (30) before the commencement of the session.**

Students will report to the front desk of their assigned dormitory at Harding University when On-site Registration begins at **12:00 noon on Sunday, May 28, 2017.**

All delegates must be picked up from Harding

## Selection of Delegates and On-Site Registration

Following the submission of the Enrollment Application and Online Registration through the Website, and non-refundable Registration Fee is paid, all applications will be reviewed by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas Admissions with Girls State and the Delegate Selection process will take place.

When the Delegate Selection process is complete, those students meeting the criteria and selected to attend the 75th Session of the American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State will **receive notification via e-mail if her registration application is finalized. This confirmation notification will also include the dorm which she is assigned. It will also be in the Online Profile used during the online registration.** Each delegate will report to the front desk in her respective dorm for on-site registration.

On-site American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State Registration is required for every student and will begin at **12:00 noon on Sunday, May 28, 2017.** Each student who has received notification of acceptance to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State, must also register on-site at the beginning of the session, at the dorm where she is assigned. She must also bring with her a **Doctor's Medical Certificate of Health (physical) prior to the commencement of the session.**

## Fees and Sponsorship

The cost of the six-day American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State Session is **\$200 per Student** and must be attached to the Enrollment Application and confirmation of the Online Registration at the time it is submitted. Submission of the above documents and fee does not guarantee acceptance or selection.

The Registration fee is **NOT** to be paid by the student or their family, but rather this fee should be paid by sponsorship through a local Auxiliary Unit, Community or Civic Organization, Business or school. The Auxiliary Unit or school may also assist to locate sponsors to support the cost of the Registration fee.

Any American Legion Auxiliary Unit or high school desiring assistance in sponsoring its quota of students to Girls State should contact patriotic, civic, or fraternal organizations in its community for that purpose. Organizations may share expenses.

With sponsorship, the transportation to and from the ALA Girls State Session, and any spending money which the student may desire, are the only monetary obligations of the parents.

## Non-Refundable Fees

All fees to the ALA Arkansas Girls State Session are **Non-Refundable**. If the student must cancel attendance to ALA Arkansas Girls State they must notify their school AND the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters before Tuesday, May 23, 2017. All fees are non-refundable, and cancellation may allow another delegate to attend if space is available.

If illness prevents the attendance of a delegate, the **ALA Girls State Office at Harding University must be notified by telephone before noon on Friday, May 26, 2017, at (479) 754-1901.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Delegates will not be allowed to arrive late, leave early, or "check out" for any part of the session. Delegates who cannot attend the entire session should not be selected as delegates.**



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