

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 local ALA Unit with assistance from the High School Principal/Counselors and a selected committee of teachers assist in the selection of students. The ALA Unit Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, and the High School Principal will receive notification regarding selection and may log into their own profile at RegisterState.com. All schools and chairman are required to follow the suggestions that will be given by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas Headquarters on proper submission of information. The final approval of young women selected must be left to the students who have provided or uploaded all information on their profile with the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit and the Arkansas Girls State Headquarters handling admissions.

Applications and Deadlines

Early application and enrollment is necessary.

Notification and Application Registration Forms are sent to the local Unit President and/or to High School Principals/Counselors. Applicants will be accepted in the order in which they are received. The deadline for all applicants must be submitted by the ALA Unit or School with payment to the American Legion Auxiliary—Department of Arkansas Headquarters no **later than Monday, APRIL 30, 2018.** The non-refundable payment of delegate Registration fees must be submitted together with the application.

Each student in order to be accepted into the ALA Arkansas Girls State 76th Session will have completed an Enrollment Application submitted to Department Headquarters (by the ALA Unit or School) with Registration Fee of \$200. The student will have created a profile on **RegisterState.com** and uploaded that information into their profile a copy of her birth certificate, (or proof of legal residence), her insurance cards and her Medical Certificate form. When accepted the student will receive notification by email address submitted in her profile during online registration at RegisterState.com

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Register Online at RegisterState.com

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

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May 27 ~ June 1, 2018



**A Premier Program in Citizenship for
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**At Harding University
Searcy, Arkansas**

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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

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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.

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/Citizen among their achievements and credentials.

What is ALA 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-five (75) 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. Participants in the program will be running for Constitutional offices such as Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, etc. The student elected to Governor may receive special full scholarship to selected Universities. Two Students will be selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. All qualifying attendees are encouraged to submit application to the Samsung Scholarship where one or multiple students may be recipients of this generous scholarship program.

Place, Facilities, and Medical Service

American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State will be held from **May 27 through June 1, 2018**, 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 and the Program Director. A Nurse will be on the staff and in attendance at all times. The Department of Arkansas Headquarters purchases a special Health and Accident Insurance policy for this event. All students attending should be in good health, well adjusted mentally, socially, and physically, and participate throughout the entire session. Even after documents are uploaded in the student profile at RegisterState.com, each student will be required to present upon arrival a **Medical Certificate and copies of their Insurance cards. Students will not be fully registered until all documents are uploaded and accepted.**

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 27, 2018**.

All delegates may not leave the Session at any time, and must be picked up from Harding University by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 1, 2018.

Selection of Delegates and On-Site Registration

Following the submission and completion of the Online Registration process at www.RegisterState.com, with the approval of the ALA Sponsoring Unit and the High School Representative, the Student will complete an Enrollment Application and provide it to the sponsoring ALA Unit/Post or High School. They will submit the Enrollment Application with the \$200 non-refundable Enrollment Registration fee. All applications will be reviewed by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas Admissions team and Girls State Delegate Selection process will take place. Information privacy will be maintained.

When the Delegate Selection process is complete, those students meeting the criteria, and have uploaded their qualifying documents, will be notified through email and in their online profile at RegisterState.com. Selected attendees to the American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State program will **receive notification via e-mail if her registration application is finalized. This confirmation notification will also include the assignment of city, county, dorm, political designation and bed. The information will also be in the Online Profile used during online registration. All information in the packet is to be taken to 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 27, 2018**. 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 completed **Medical Certificate, copies of her personal insurance cards (even if they are uploaded into the student profile at RegisterState.com)**

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 submitted by the sponsoring ALA Unit/Post or High School. Submission of the above documents and fee does **not** guarantee acceptance or selection. All directions within the Registration packet must be followed, and all documents must be uploaded into the student profile.

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/Post, High School, Community or Civic Organization, or local business. 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. A list of items to pack will be included.

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 22, 2018**. 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, student and/or parent must contact the **ALA Department Headquarters by telephone before noon on Friday, May 25, 2018, at (501) 374-5836**.

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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