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 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.
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.

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.

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 sponsoring 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 THURS., May 24, 2018. 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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