

PURPOSE

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary is to inculcate and educate the youth of American in the duties, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Keystone Girls State is government in action. Girls State is a mythical state. Those in attendance become citizens for the week and are assigned to a non-partisan party. Local, county and state government are enacted.

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY

Applicants are not limited to Juniors Auxiliary members, daughters or granddaughters of the American Legion Auxiliary or the American Legion. Any Unit, Council or civic group in the community may sponsor one or more girls.

With the assistance of high school principals and guidance counselors, Unit members select attendees using the following criteria:

- having an above average scholastic standing
- have completed their Juniors year
- have a strong desire to learn
- have a high moral character
- have an interest in government/current events
- possess strong leadership abilities
- agree to comply with rules and regulations U.S. citizenship

LOGISTICS:

Keystone Girls State will begin Sunday, June 24, 2012 at noon. All citizens should be registered no later than 2:00 pm. Activities will commence at 2:30 p.m. Final check-out of the week must occur by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2012.

DRESS CODE

As guests of Shippensburg University and the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Pennsylvania, a dress code is enforced for all citizens and staff. We ask that everyone wear skirts, dresses or dress pants (business casual) when attending sessions in Memorial Auditorium or meals in the Dining Commons. Shorts and jeans may be worn in residence hall only. Friday evening's banquet (which is open to family and friends by ticket sale) is a dressy occasion and many of the citizens choose to wear a more formal dress.

PERSONAL NEEDS:

There will be two girls per room with a common bathroom. Therefore, girls should bring a robe and shower shoes as well as their personal toiletry items. Each room is furnished with two twin beds, desks and dressers. We recommend that citizens bring a fan if possible. Other items to include are: twin sheets, umbrella, comfortable walking shoes, paper supplies to make campaign posters and comfortable clothes for time spent in the residence hall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Melissa Hrinia, Girls State Chairman, for more information at (814)265-4284 or baseball@brockwaytv.com or visit the website at <http://ala.pa-legion.com>

The application must be returned to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1285, Camp Hill, PA 17001 and must be accompanied by a check for \$170.00.



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Pennsylvania

KEYSTONE GIRLS STATE

June 24 to 30, 2012

Shippensburg University
Shippensburg, PA



American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Pennsylvania
 Keystone Girls State
Girls State Pledge and Rules



To be signed by each Girls State applicant and a parent/guardian

- I will obey the rules of Girls State.
- I will be present for every portion of the Girls State session and I will remain for its entirety.
- I will take a serious and conscientious interest in discharging my duties as a citizen of Girls State.
- I understand that this is an Americanism program and that it is a study of city, county and state government.
- I will salute the American Flag.
- If elected to office, I will serve that office to the best of my abilities.
- I will abide by the judgment of those responsible for this Americanism program.
- I will make a formal report (written or oral) of my impression of Girls State upon my return home.
- I will live in residence as a citizen of Girls State.
- I will return to the high school I represent for at least one semester senior year.
- In so far as possible, I will take an active part in the affairs of the party in the city and county to which I am assigned.
- I will be fair and honest in all my dealings with my fellow citizens.
- I am not a member of and do not subscribe to the principles of any groups opposed to our form of government.

 Name of Applicant *(please print)*

 Signature of Applicant

- 1 After her admission into Girls State, no citizen shall be permitted to leave the campus of Shippensburg University except as follows:
 - On organizational group trips under the leadership of the Girls State staff
 - In case of emergency or upon State Business and then only with the written permit signed by the Chairman and the Citizen's Counselor
- 2 No girls are permitted outside her dorm after the City Meetings. In case of emergency, she shall notify her Counselor immediately.
- 3 As a guest of the University, citizens shall observe all campus and equipment rules and respect the university property.
- 4 Each citizen must report any illness or injury to her Counselor immediately to assure effective insurance.
- 5 Proper respect and courtesy shall be shown at all times to the special guests of Girls State, Girls State Chairman, Counselors and Staff.
- 6 Absolutely NO WEAPONS, TOBACCO, OR ILLEGAL DRUGS OR NON-AUTHORIZED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS use or possession is permitted or allowed.
- 7 Absolutely NO WEAPONS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE BUSES OR CAMPUS OF SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY. Any and all items potentially hazardous to members of the staff, session and campus community are prohibited.
- 8 Absolutely NO BOYS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DORMS AT ANY TIME!
- 9 Absolutely no harassment of any kind: sexual, sexual orientation, race, religion, physical, or mental will be tolerated!
- 10 Any girl who violates ANY RULE of the American Legion Auxiliary Pennsylvania, Keystone Girls State Program and/or Shippensburg University shall be disciplined accordingly. If she is sent home, SHE will pay her own transportation and reimburse the sponsor fee.

 Name of Applicant *(please print)*

 Name of Parent/Guardian *(please print)*

 Signature of Applicant

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

 Date

 Date



American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Pennsylvania
Keystone Girls State
Parent/Guardian Release Form
 Application deadline is May 15, 2012.



In consideration of instruction and training to be given to _____
(Applicant's Name)

As a citizen of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Pennsylvania's - Keystone Girls State to be held June 24 to 30, 2012 at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA. I hereby give my consent for her to participate fully in planned activities, as well as participate in any off-campus fieldtrips which might be scheduled as part of the program.

We release and discharge the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Pennsylvania, and/or the American Legion Auxiliary's Keystone Girls State, its officers, staff, and counselors from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions, or causes of action which we may, can, or shall by have by _____ while in attendance at Keystone Girls State no matter how
(Applicant's Name)
 caused or occasioned, including travel to and from home to Keystone Girl's State.

It is further understood that said individual named above does not require individual or specialized attention and that she will participate in all phases of the program. If she required specialized attention, the paragraph concerning disabled attendees on the reference side of this form shall be observed.

I give permission for _____ to be photographed during participation in
(Applicant's Name)
 the Keystone Girls State. I understand the photographs will be used by the American Legion Auxiliary to promote the program in future years.

 Name of Parent/Guardian *(please print)*

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

 Address

 Telephone

 Cell Phone

 Email address



American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Pennsylvania Keystone Girls State

Application deadline is May 15, 2012



Name _____ Nickname: _____
Last M.I. First

Address _____

Telephone: () _____ Cell #: () _____

Date of Birth _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Name of School: _____

Have you been recommended by your school? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, please secure signature of your principal/guidance counselor below.

 Name of Principal/Counselor

 Signature of Principal/Counselor

GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

Do you plan to attend college? _____ Plan of Study? _____

T-shirt size preference: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____ 3X

PA Voting District: Senate _____ Senator's Name: _____

House _____ Rep. Name: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSORING ALA UNIT:

Sponsored by: _____
Unit or Council Unit No. Location

Unit/Council President: _____

Address: _____

Check for \$170 (made payable to American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of PA must accompany application.)

Please mail to: **American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of PA, P.O. Box 1285, Camp Hill, PA 17001**

Should assistance be required for the selected candidate to fully participate, the sponsoring organization or Unit must furnish (at their financial expense) a full-time female aide over the age of 21 to assist the individual. All expenses for the aide, including transportation, meals, and lodging, must be assumed by sponsoring organization or Unit - no exceptions.

TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT OFFICE:

Unit: _____ Party: _____

Council: _____ Section: _____