



June 16-22, 2019

74th Session of KEYSTONE GIRLS STATE

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

Eligibility to participate in ALA Girls State

- ❑ High school girls eligible to participate in the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs must have completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one semester of high school remaining, be a United States citizen or legal inhabitant of the United States as evidenced by a current and/or valid birth certificate, visa, passport, Green Card or other United States government-issued documentation verifying a legal presence in the United States for at least the duration of the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation program.
- ❑ The ALA Girls State leadership development program is a week-long 24/7 program for high school girls. Participation is limited to females, as evidenced by her birth certificate or a sworn statement signed by a licensed medical doctor.
- ❑ For any girl to be eligible to take part in the ALA Girls Nation program, she must be able to clear a background check by the United States government, the White House and the U.S. Secret Service.

We further recommend that your ALA Girls State application and materials state that this documentation must be provided onsite, and that failure to provide documents will result in ineligibility to participate in ALA Girls Nation with all expenses incurred up to that point becoming a responsibility of the parent/guardian. There is a \$100.00 fee that is required to be paid by the student/parent/guardian in order to offset fees associated with attending this program.

Eligibility to Serve in an Elected Office

- ❑ The purpose of the ALA Girls State program is to provide a nonpartisan participatory program that teaches eligible high school females responsible citizenship grounded in ethics, the principles of our nation's founders, and respect for God and Country. For consistency among the 50 states presenting ALA Girls State programs, each program should conform to the structure of its corresponding state government as specified by its state constitution. ALA Girls Nation is modeled after the provisions in the United States Constitution.

Documentation Requirements (copy of U.S. Government-issued document required)

- ❑ I attest that my daughter (ward) has a U.S. government-issued birth certificate or legal documentation of her legal presence in the United States provided by the U.S. government (e.g. visa, Green Card, passport). I understand that upon arrival and registration at ALA Girls State, I am expected to provide a bona fide copy of her birth certificate or her U.S. government-issued documentation proving that she is a legal inhabitant of the United States for the duration of the event. If I fail to provide current and valid documentation, my daughter will not be allowed to take part in ALA Girls State and I, as parent/guardian, will be responsible for all expenses incurred up to that point in time.



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Please Type or Print.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__

(LAST/FIRST/MIDDLE INITIAL)

Mailing Address: _____

(STREET)

(CITY)

(STATE)

(ZIP)

Contact Phone # _____ Email: _____

ENSURE YOUR E-MAIL INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE.

Name of School: _____ GPA: _____

Circle your preferred T-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Your Senator: _____ Your Representative: _____

**Information on Senator and Representative can be found on:
www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/**

APPLICANT: PLEASE ATTACH, ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY (2-3 sentences maximum) AND INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF (face and shoulders only).

PLEASE ENCLOSE A \$100.00 CHECK, PAYABLE TO THE CITIZEN'S SPONSOR

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Phone # _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone# _____

Tentative Travel/Transportation Plans for Student to Attend:



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PARTICIPANT AND PARENTAL ACCEPTANCE:

Keystone Girls State participant along with your parent or guardian(s) please read, date and sign this form. Please note no application will be accepted without this form completed and signed.

We understand and accept the following eligibility requirements:

- I understand that my participation in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a privilege, and I will actively participate in all activities and fulfill my responsibilities at ALA Girls State in every capacity to which I may be assigned.
- I will abide by the rules of ALA Girls State. I will obey the code of conduct of the facility where ALA Girls State is held and conduct myself professionally at all times and at all program venues.
- I will be fair, honest and cooperative in all interactions with my fellow ALA Girls State citizens and staff. I will respect the judgment and authority of the ALA Girls State staff. I will participate in all flag and patriotic ceremonies conducted during ALA Girls State.
- I understand that I will not be able to arrive late or leave early at ALA Girls State for any other reason than a medical emergency.
- I hereby authorize the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) to publish my name, state, and/or any photographs/video taken of me individually or in groups for use in ALA publications, ALA print, online and video-based marketing materials, and ALA social media. I hereby release and hold harmless the ALA from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with any images of me as described above that may be used in ALA print, web-based, and social media.
- I acknowledge that I will not receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of any images of me as described above that may be used in ALA print, web-based, and social media. I acknowledge that publication of any images of me as described above confers no rights of ownership or royalties from any image/photographs/video whatsoever.
- I understand that I must enclose a \$100.00 check payable to the sponsor within this application, which is non-refundable.
- I understand that if my daughter fails to complete her week at the American Legion Auxiliary Keystone Girls State program, I must provide her sponsors with a refund of her sponsorship, amounting to \$200.00.

I confirm that I have read and do agree to these terms and conditions, required of all participants in American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

Signatures:

Participant

Date



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Parent/Guardian

Date

IN SUMMARY, I UNDERSTAND THAT:

An American Legion Auxiliary Unit and/or other Sponsors have paid the fees for me to attend Keystone Girls State. I will enclose a check of \$100.00 payable to the sponsor or a \$300 check to the Department of PA. This money is not refundable, and I understand that I must provide an additional refund of the sponsorship amount (\$200.00) to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit that intends to sponsor my daughter if she does not complete the ALA Girls State program. This is not a camp, but rather a simulated government immersive learning experience. I do hereby agree to be in attendance the entire session and to conduct myself according to all rules and regulations established for the governing of the Keystone Girls State. I give permission for my name/my Daughter's name, picture and/or voice to be used in the promotion of this program in video, in print and on the internet. I certify that all information above was thoroughly read and understood, and that all information provided about the student and parent/guardian is correct. In signing below, I verify that all statements checked above hereby declare my consent to the stipulations and guidelines set by the American Legion Auxiliary Keystone Girls State.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

APPLICATION DEADLINE/POSTMARKED

May 15, 2019

This deadline is firm. Any applications postmarked after this date **WILL NOT be considered.**

For questions or more information, email us at kgsalapa@gmail.com.

If you cannot attend the program, you must notify your sponsor and the Keystone Girls State Chairperson *as soon as possible and no later than two weeks prior* to the start of the 2019 program on June 16th. Failure to do so will result in reimbursing your sponsor \$200.



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OFFICIAL INFORMATION:

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:

The Unit, Council, District, Post, other

Name and Number of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

President/Commander: _____

Unit Girls State Chair: _____

Citizen fee \$100.00 made payable to the sponsor, sponsor fee is \$200.00. PLEASE send only one check for \$300.00 payable to:

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of PA

P. O. Box 1285

Camp Hill, PA 17001

- I have opted to pay my citizen fee in full, enclosed is my full application with a \$300 check payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of PA

TO BE COMPLETED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OFFICE:

Sponsor: _____

Section: **W** _____ **C** _____ **E** _____

Council: _____

Party:

NATIONALIST _____ FEDERALIST _____

Date Received _____ / _____ / _____