



American Legion Auxiliary
Virginia Girls State, Inc.
February 25, 2016

To: School Counselor
Giles High School
1825 Wenonah Avenue
Pearisburg VA 24134

From: Joan Elliott Joyce Eighth District Registrar

Re: American Legion Auxiliary, Virginia Girls State 2016

American Legion Auxiliary, Virginia Girls State, will be held at Longwood University on June 19-25, 2016. The attached ALA Girls State Information Sheet provides delegate eligibility requirements. The cost is \$300 per delegate. Please contact your nearest American Legion Post, American Legion Unit, or this District Registrar for more information.

Share this information with potential delegates during the selection process. The delegate should be aware that ALA Virginia Girls State is an Americanism program which promotes God and Country. The delegate will participate in a week-long study of Virginia government by creating a mock government with other women.

Additional information is available through your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. You may also elect to visit our Website at www.VaGirlsState.org.

Participants who are descendants of military veterans are eligible to apply for the Samsung Scholarship. From these applicants, one delegate will be awarded a scholarship of approximately \$1,000 and will be eligible to compete for a \$20,000 National Samsung Scholarship.

We hope your school will be represented at ALA Virginia Girls State 2016.

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Eligibility and Participation in the ALA Girls State Program

Qualification: Unmarried female students who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and who have at least one more semester remaining before graduation may be considered for selection as a participant of American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Former ALA Girls State participants are not eligible to be selected as a participant in a subsequent year's American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

In addition, participants in ALA Girls State must be citizens or legal inhabitants of the United States, with proper documentation from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) obtained prior to girls being selected to participate in ALA Girls State for those who are not U.S. citizens.

Qualities: Female students who demonstrate leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty in their school and community should be considered. ALA Girls State participants are to be selected on the basis of merit and ability.

Contacts: Units should make every effort to sponsor eligible young women to participate in this program. The unit's ALA Girls State chairman should inform school districts and individual public and private schools about the benefits of this program, explain eligibility requirements, and distribute information to the schools.

Sponsors: To recruit Girls State citizens with the appropriate character and commitment to participating, units must select delegates wisely, provide them with an informative orientation, and recognize them when they return home. Although units may seek financial support from outside the Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors each participant and decides who will participate.

ALA District No _____
ALA Unit/Post No. _____
Date of Birth _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
VIRGINIA GIRLS STATE
DELEGATE APPLICATION FORM
2016

_____ Date completed

You must be female and a rising high school senior to be considered for attendance at Virginia Girls State. All applicants must provide birth certificates or proof of legal residency when interviewed. Return this complete application form no later than _____ to:

Your Name:

(Please print) First Middle Last

Address:

Phone numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail: Parent _____ Your personal _____

Emergency contact person: _____

Relationship: _____ Contact phone: _____

Other emergency contact information: _____

Name and relationship of veteran(s) related to you (if any): _____

Are you an American Legion Auxiliary Junior member? Circle Yes No

Are you a Junior ROTC member? Circle Yes No Rank: _____

High School: _____

Favorite class: _____

School activities you have participated in and any leadership positions held in these:

