

ALA Granite Girls State  
Programs Action Plan  
2017-2018

*Believe in the Spirit that Strengthens our Promise*

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**Purpose:**

Provide an educational opportunity for your women in the basic ideas and principles of our American government through the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and Girls Nation citizenship programs.

**ALA Girls State Core Program:**

Girls State is a non-partisan program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and Country. High school girls who have completed their Junior year in high school are eligible to attend. Participants are assigned to mock cities and to either the "Federalist Party" or "Nationalist Party". They are immersed in learning about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and running a mock government.

Two girls are selected from the program to attend ALA Girls Nation for a week in Washington DC which will be held July 21-28, 2018.

**Objectives:**

Instill an awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary's mission in all ALA Girls State citizens.

- Encourage eligible young ladies to become involved with volunteer projects in their communities that involved veterans, active military or the American Legion Auxiliary
- Encourage all eligible ALA Girls State citizens to join the American Legion Auxiliary
- Increase participation by highlighting college scholarship/funding possibilities for ALA Girls State Participants

Promote the Samsung Scholarship, a scholarship opportunity for every participant of each ALA Girls State program, who is a direct descendant of a veteran. One ALA Girls State citizen from each state is named as a department finalist, guaranteed to receive a scholarship of \$1,250. Ten (10) national winners and ten (10) national runners-up are then chosen from the department finalists, each receiving a \$10,000 and \$5,000 scholarship, respectively.

**Department Scholarships:**

Dottie Hunnewell Memorial Girls State Scholarship

Sons of the American Legion Scholarship

**Department Awards:**

*Lamont Pierce Girls State Plaque* (given in memory of James D. Lamont & Heidi Ann Pierce, through the James E. Coffey Unit #3, Nashua) – given annually at the Mid-Winter Conference to the Unit/Post that sponsors the Granite Girls State Governor

*Ann G. West Girls State Award* (donated by PDP Glenda Joyce) – Given to the Unit in Department submitting the best overall Girls State report. Unit chairman is to fill in all questions on the Annual Report Form and provide a narrative not to exceed 800 words. The report must include the Unit name and number, name and address of the Unit chairman. Pictures may be included as well as letters, newspaper articles and fundraising ideas.

**Resources:**

-ALA Girls State Program and Operations Guide – found on [www.ALForVeterans.org](http://www.ALForVeterans.org)

-[www.boysandgirlsstate.org](http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org)

Facebook: "American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation"

[www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionAuxiliaryGirlsState](http://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionAuxiliaryGirlsState)

-[www.NHALAgirlsstate.org](http://www.NHALAgirlsstate.org)