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## **ALA Girls State Information**

The American Legion Auxiliary – Department of New Hampshire is proud to announce the annual session of Girls State, the week that shapes a lifetime! Our 2022 program will take place from **Sunday, June 26, through Saturday, July 2**, on the campus of **Saint Anselm College** in **Manchester**. Girls State is a **week long training course in the study and practical application of self-government**. It is meant to supplement Civics or Government as taught in high schools across the state, and it is planned so students can put the theories of American government as taught in the classroom into practice. **Please join us!**

**N.H. American Legion Granite Girls State – Saint Anselm College, Manchester**  
**June 26 – July 2, 2022**

<https://alagranitegirlsstate.wordpress.com/>

**GIRLS STATE PURPOSES:** American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a practical application of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of our nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve our American traditions.

Girls State grows out of the American Legion Auxiliary's faith in our young people, and its firm belief that the future leaders of our country should be given the tools necessary to keep it: a deep appreciation of active citizenship, an understanding of democracy, a familiarity with our American form of government, and the discernment to select – and to be – productive leaders.

**All students will be eligible to apply for multiple scholarship opportunities of up to \$1,000.00 each, and totaling over \$7,000.00.**

**THE PROGRAM:** "LEARN BY DOING" - When the students arrive on campus, they will be assigned to a city, town or county, and to a mythical political party. They will run for local offices, then State offices: the House or Senate, Executive Council and Governor. Conduct of the program will function under the basic laws of the State of New Hampshire using the existing constitution and existing laws as a guide. The citizens of ALA Girls State have their own legislature, introduce and debate their own bills and conduct their own elections. Each student has a chance to learn for herself that government is just what she makes it.

**THE STAFF:** ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND COUNSELORS are trained and experienced leaders; ladies who have passed a background check. Experienced counselors of excellent character and an ability to deal with young ladies are selected for staff. The previous years selected senators who represented New Hampshire in Washington D.C. at the Girls Nation Session come back to mentor their respective "fictitious" party. Instructors and lecturers will be some of the most outstanding personalities available. They include political incumbents, former elected officials, Senators, Representatives, Mayors, Selectmen, Attorneys, Judges and other officials.

**VISITORS:** MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, SPONSORS AND PARENTS are invited and urged to visit Girls State at some time during the session. Visitors are requested to make their presence known to a staff member upon arrival. Visitors are especially invited to the Inauguration and graduation ceremonies.

### **ESSENTIAL DETAILS**

**TIME AND PLACE:** American Legion Auxiliary Granite Girls State will be held on the campus of Saint Anselm College in Manchester beginning on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26, and ending after graduation on Saturday, July 2, 2022. All students will be housed on campus, and meals will be provided by the college dining service.

**ELIGIBILITY:** GIRLS WHO WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL in 2022 will be accepted if they are of good character and in good health, have outstanding qualities of leadership and citizenship, submit a draft bill or resolution, and submit a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00. Schools and local American Legion posts will nominate individual students as part of the application process. **There is no limit on the number of qualified students that can be sent to ALA Girls State from any particular school or post.**

**COSTS:** The only cost to the student is a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00, plus transportation to and from Saint Anselm College and any desired personal incidentals. Meals and snacks will be provided during the program by the American Legion Auxiliary. **All other costs of attendance will be borne by the American Legion Family Sponsor.** After the program concludes, each attendee is asked to share his impression of ALA Girls State with their Sponsor.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR SPONSORS:** Sponsors are usually part of the American Legion family, Auxiliary Units, posts, individuals, or civic, school, or community organizations. The Sponsor (not the student or his family) pays the additional per-student tuition of \$365.00. This tuition covers the cost of room, board, meals, instructional material, and necessary expenses. Sponsorship checks should be made payable to THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPT OF NH, please enter ALA Girls State on the memo line, send in to Department Headquarters along with the completed application form.

**HEALTH & MEDICAL:** Delegates to ALA Girls State will be protected by a supplemental group health and accident insurance policy. This policy is not intended to replace any primary coverage already carried by the girl or her parents; it is additional coverage. Every care will be taken to avoid accidents or illness, but ALA Girls State will not be responsible for either injuries or sickness, if they occur. Each attendee must **bring with them** on the first day of the program a medical certificate (form provided with application) attesting that she is in good health.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Application materials are available online at <https://alagranitegirlsstate.wordpress.com/>. Copies have been sent to every high school and American Legion Post, Unit and Squadron in the state, as well. You can apply online, or on the paper forms. Here is the process:

1) Complete Part One of the application, either online or on paper.

2) Ask your high school to nominate you. (Each high school does this differently.) Your principal will sign Part Two of the application, indicating that you have been nominated. **There is no limit to the number of students that a school may nominate.**

3) If you are nominated, submit your application, and the \$50.00 application fee to your local American Legion Auxiliary, and ask it to sponsor you by signing Part Three of the application. If you do not know which post to contact locally, please call headquarters at (603) 856-8942.

If you are selected by the local post, it will submit your application directly to Department Headquarters in Concord, along with the Sponsor's payment. You will then receive an acceptance packet with additional information in early June 2022.

**For additional information or applications, see your guidance counselor, visit the Girls State website at <https://alagranitegirlsstate.wordpress.com/> or contact Department Headquarters at (603) 856-8942.**

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN CONCORD BY MAY 31, 2022**