

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.
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MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE

CITIZEN MUST RETURN THE FOLLOWING

SHEETS

REGISTRATION FORM
GIRLS STATE PLEDGE
PARENTS CONSENT FORM/MEDICAL CERT.
GIRLS STATE BILL (optional)

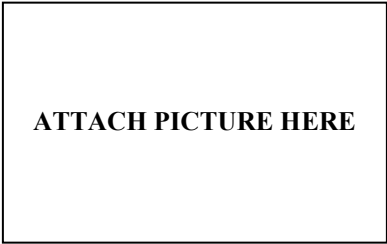
TO

BONNIE SLADESKI
12 DOVERBROOK RD.
CHICOPEE, MA 01022

ON OR BEFORE: MAY 12, 2012

Girls State Dates: June 16-22, 2012

Stonehill College



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REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:

Name _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

Home Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Home Phone #(_____) _____ Emergency Contact #(_____) _____

E-mail address (please **PRINT CLEARLY**) _____

***** Attach High School Photo or current Photo (for security purposes).*****

AGE _____ Name of School _____

Average Grade in High School _____ Do you plan on attending College? _____

Business or Professional career? _____

SCHOOL/OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN:

CIRCLE YOUR PREFERRED T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

VERY IMPORTANT:

Name and # of Unit or Post who sponsored you: _____

Ie: Charles C. Kennedy Unit # 275 or Unit #275, Chicopee

If an Organization sponsored you: _____

Ie: Woburn Lions Club, or Pentucket Regional High School

I consent to have my picture taken during the week of activities. It may be used on the Massachusetts Girls State web site or in promotion of future Girls State Programs: _____.

Signature of Girls State Citizen

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GIRLS STATE PLEDGE

As a citizen of Massachusetts Girls State of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Massachusetts, I voluntarily make the following pledge for God and Country and Massachusetts Girls State.

- I will obey all the rules of Massachusetts Girls State.
- I will obey all the rules of Stonehill College.
- I will be present for the **FULL WEEK** of Massachusetts Girls State.
- I will obey the **NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL, NO DRUG** policies of Massachusetts Girls State and Stonehill College.
- I will take a serious and conscientious interest in discharging my duties as a citizen of Massachusetts Girls State.
- I understand that this is an Americanism program of the American Legion Auxiliary, and that it is a study of city, town and state government as well as good citizenship.
- I will abide by the judgment of the Massachusetts Girls State Director, Massachusetts Girls State Board members and Staff who are responsible for this Americanism program.
- I will be fair and honest in all my dealings with my fellow citizens.
- I will make a formal report (written or oral) to my sponsors, and to my high school – of my experience at Massachusetts Girls State.
- I am not a member of, and do not subscribe to, nor endeavor to put into practice the principles of any groups opposed to our form of government.

After Massachusetts Girls State has closed, it will be my duty constantly to endeavor to put into practice the principles of good citizenship and patriotism, which I have experienced.

Signed _____

Witness _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Date _____

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL SERVICES**

The following **MUST** be ***SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN*** and mailed to Director by **DEADLINE OF MAY 12, 2012. This is mandatory. Girls will not be accepted at Girls State as citizens unless Parent's Consent has been received.**

This will certify that we (I), the undersigned parent(s) or guardian of _____ do, in the event that our (my) daughter becomes a participating member of the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program, to be held in Easton, MA on the campus of Stonehill College between the dates of June 16th through 22nd, 2011 (inclusive) hereby consent and grant permission, should the necessity of medical care arise, to the furnishing of medical treatment and hospital service as ordered or recommended by a qualified attending physician, including the administration of an anesthetic, laboratory procedures, medical or surgical treatment, X-ray examination or other hospital services. The Parent/s or Guardian shall also be responsible for any prescriptions that may be needed in the treatment of said medical services if said prescriptions are not covered under GROUP policy.

WAIVER OF CLAIM

This will further certify that we (I), the undersigned, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by our (my) daughter, in the event she is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary's Girl State program, to be held in Easton, MA on the campus of Stonehill College between the dates of June 16, 2011 through June 22, 2012 (inclusive), do hereby release and discharge the American Legion Auxiliary, and Stonehill College, its officers, agents, instructors, and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions or causes of action which we (I) may, can or shall have by reason of any illness, injury or accident incurred or suffered by said daughter while traveling to, attendance at or participation in the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program from the time of her departure from home until her return thereto.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Emergency Contact# (_____) _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

INSURANCE INFORMATION (to be completed only if parent/s carry a GROUP Medical Insurance Plan)

Name of parent/s group medical insurance carrier _____

Policy or certificate number _____

Parent to whom policy was issued _____

Employer to whom policy was issued _____

***** **MEDICAL CERTIFICATE** *****

Name _____

(Name of Girl State Citizen)

Address _____

(Street, City, Zip Code)

Birth Date _____

(Month, Day, Year)

PRESENT STATE OF HEALTH – Any Existing Medical (including allergies) conditions or Prescribed Medicines:

I certify that I have examined this person and she is in good physical condition.

Date _____

Signature of Examining Physician/or School Nurse

(Date of Examination Must be within one year of attending Girls State)

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GIRLS STATE SURVEY

NAME _____ TOWN OR CITY _____

1. Under which type of Government does your municipality operate?
 - a) Open Town Meeting
 - b) Limited Town Meeting
 - c) Town Manager
 - d) Council and Mayor
 - e) City Manager
 - f) Special Charter

2. What is the Population of your municipality? _____

3. What was the assessed valuation last year? _____

4. What was the total budget last year? _____

5. What was the per capital cost of government last year? _____

6. What were the five greatest sources of revenue to your municipality?
 - 1.) _____
 - 2.) _____
 - 3.) _____
 - 4.) _____
 - 5.) _____

7. What were the five most expensive Department in your Municipal Government last year?
 - 1.) _____
 - 2.) _____
 - 3.) _____
 - 4.) _____
 - 5.) _____

8. What were the per capita costs of each of the departments list above?
 - 1.) _____
 - 2.) _____
 - 3.) _____
 - 4.) _____
 - 5.) _____

9. What was the school population? _____

10. What was the range of school salaries? From \$ _____ to \$ _____

11. Have any of your municipal elected Official been voted life tenure? _____
If so, state which Officials: _____

**NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT THIS SURVEY TO YOUR COUNSELOR ON ARRIVAL AT
MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE**

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FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

SELECTION CRITERIA?

- They will be completing their junior year in high school in June 2012.
- They are interested in government and current events.
- They have high moral character.
- They have strong leadership abilities.
- They have an above average scholastic standing.
- They have respect for the Flag and each other,
- The American Legion Auxiliary motto is: For God and Country.

WHAT IS GIRLS STATE?

A study of local and state government. They establish and operate their own cities and towns and state government. Town and City Officials are elected and they then run their respective Cities and Towns. They form two political parties, prepare a platform, party songs and cheers, nominate candidates for state office, campaign and elect.

Each girl presents a bill from which five to seven are selected. These bills are discussed in their City and Town meetings, in Committee Meetings, presented before a Joint Session of the House and Senate and given to the Governor for final action. Senators, Representatives, and Governor's Council Representatives are elected and conduct meetings of the House, Senate and Governor's Council, both individually and jointly.

Before electing our six Constitutional Officers they participate in campaigning, a Press Forum where candidates from both parties are asked questions from the Girls State Press held before their peers, and then visit each City/Town for a up-close and personal view of the candidates with a short question and answer period, and then the citizens have their final election for the candidate of their choice for office.

BESIDES ELECTIONS, IN WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES DO THE GIRL STATE CITIZEN PARTICIPATE?

- Press Conference – Press Reporter needed from each City and Town.
- Newspaper Published – Reporter and Artists needed from each City and Town.
- Choir/Band – 5 – 8 citizens needed to sing/play at the Inauguration after completing only 2 to 3 rehearsals.
- Town/City Scenarios – All participate.
- Girls State Revue – Directors, Stage Managers, Individual Talent performers – All participate.
- City/Town Books – a report from each Citizen about her position/s held at Girls State and handed into the City/Town Clerks the last night of Girls State.

WHAT DO THEY LEARN?

- Girls State is a practical application of Americanism and Good Citizenship.
- Girls State trains girls to live together as self-governing Citizens.
- Girls State informs them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship.
- Girls State helps them understand – so that they may participate in the functioning of Government.
- Girls State shows them the contributions women can and should make in all phases of Government.
- Girls State helps them grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities, which they must assume, as they become adults.
- Girls State helps them realize that they have a responsibility for the future and that it will be up to them to make it better than it is now.
- Girls State Citizens by their experiences learn the value of hope; understanding the rights of others, the value of friendship; and loyalty.

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GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A BILL:

You are invited to submit one (1) Bill prior to your coming to Girls State.

A form upon which to write your Bill is enclosed. We are primarily interested that you give your idea for a bit of legislation. Do not worry about details of form. Send in a bill that you can explain, sell to others, and defend against opposition.

Be guided by the following suggestions:

1. Only one idea or bit of legislation to a Bill.
2. Only legislation that pertains to the State, not an individual Community or the Nation.
3. Keep it simple. No more than two (2) pages, please.
4. Each Bill is for serious, effective legislation for the good of our own Commonwealth or for Girls State.
5. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – it is difficult to read some of the writing!
6. Your proposed Bill must be mailed to me on or before May 12, 2012

From the Bills we receive, we choose five - seven (5-7), edit them, add to them if necessary, and they will be used for discussion in Girls State Cities and Towns and in the Senate and House of Representatives. They will also form a part of the party platform.

Please forward your Bill to:

Bonnie Sladeski
Director of Massachusetts Girls State
12 Doverbrook Rd.
Chicopee, MA 01022
E-mail: bonnies@massgirlsstate.org

**SOME TIPS FOR WRITING A BILL – BILL’S SHOULD BE ABOUT STATE ISSUES NOT
FEDERAL ISSUES.**

Bill Organization

1. Basic Organization.

a. Organize the bill in the most useful and logical format for the reader. Avoid an organization that requires an understanding of a later section in order to understand an earlier section. Group together all sections dealing with a common subject matter.

b. Properly drafted bills should be drafted in the following section order, keeping in mind that most bills do not include all or even many of the following features:

- i. Changes to the General Laws (including repeals and new chapters and sections)
- ii. Changes to Special Acts
- iii. “Notwithstanding” a particular General or Special Law
- iv. Transition section
- v. Effective dates.

Chapter 173 of the acts of 2008, the “Corporate Tax” bill is a good example of bill organization.

Simple Language

Do not say:

absolutely null and void
and of no effect
accorded
adequate number of
adjudged, ordered, and decreed
admit of
among and between

approximately
at the place where
by means of
cause it to be done
constitute and appoint
corporation organized & existing
under the laws of the
commonwealth
do and perform
does not operate to
during such time as
during the course of
endeavor (as a verb)
enter into a contract with
evidence, documentary and otherwise
evinced
except that
for the reason that
forthwith

Say:

void

given
enough
adjudged
allow
among (if more than two
involved); between (if two or
more but treated individually)
about
where
by
have it done
appoint
a Massachusetts corporation

do
does not
while
during
try
contract with
evidence
show
but
because
immediately

frequently	often
full and adequate (or, full and complete)	full
herein	in this act (or section or item)
heretofore	before this.....takes effect
in accordance with	under
in the event that	if
in the interest of	for
is authorized and directed	shall
is authorized to	may
is directed	shall
is entitled (in the sense of has this called name)	
it is the duty	shall
it shall be lawful to	may
law passed	enacted
occasion (as a verb)	cause
or, in the alternative	or
party of the first part	(the party's name)
per annum	per year
per centum	per cent
prosecute its business	carry on its business
provision of law	law
pursuant to	under
render	give
said, same, such	the, this, that, these, those
shall be deemed to be	is or shall be
subsequent to	after
successfully completes or passes	completes, or passes
suffer (in the sense of permit)	permit
to the effect that	that
until such time as	until
with the object of changing (or other gerund)	to change (comparative infinitive)

C. Use of Particular Words

1. "And" and "or."

"And" means all of a list of items. "Or" means any one or more of a list of items. Do not use "and/or"; use "or" instead.

2. "Said" and "such."

In general, avoid use of "said" and "such." ("Said" may be used to refer to a previously cited statute.) Instead, use "the" if the reference is unambiguous. Otherwise, use "this," "that," "these" or "those."

3. "Shall" and "may".

- A duty, mandate, obligation, requirement or condition precedent is expressed by "shall."
- Use "shall" if the verb it qualifies is in the active voice. Example: "The aggrieved party shall file (active verb in active voice) the application."
- Use "may" to confer a power, privilege, or right.

Examples: "The applicant may demand (power) an extension of time."

"The applicant may appeal (right) the decision."

d. Use "shall not" to express a prohibition.

e. Do not use qualifiers, such as "will," "should" and "ought," in the text of a bill.

4. "Which" and "that".

a. Use "which" to introduce a nonrestrictive clause.

Example: "An applicant shall sign the application, which need not be verified."

b. Use "that" to introduce a restrictive clause modifying the nearest antecedent. Example: "An applicant may apply to renew a license that has been revoked."

5. Avoid "the provisions of."

Instead of the wordy "in accordance with the provisions of this section," say "under this section."

6. Use of the Phrase "of the General Laws."

Do not use the phrase "of the General Laws" in the text of the General Laws. In those parts of the acts and resolves that will not be incorporated into the General Laws, when you wish to refer to a section of the statutes, the reference should read, for example, "as required by chapter 6 of the General Laws" or "subject to review under chapter 227 of the General Laws."

Effective Dates and Emergency Preambles

In Massachusetts, a bill has the "force of law" when: (1) the Governor signs it, (2) when the Governor lets a bill become law by taking no action on the bill for 10 days after it is "laid before the Governor," (3) when both houses of the Legislature, each by a two-thirds roll call vote, pass the bill over the Governor's veto, or (4) if an initiative petition is successful (additional information about the initiative petition or Referendum is available from the Clerks' and Counsel's offices).

The effective date of a bill depends upon whether it is subject to the Referendum under Article 48 of the Constitution. The bullets below are an attempt to help a drafter understand when a bill is effective and what it needs to make it effective sooner than the Constitution provides.

1. A law subject to a referendum petition that is passed without an emergency preamble, takes effect in 90 days.
2. A law subject to referendum that is passed with an emergency preamble takes effect upon its passage.
3. A law subject to referendum that is passed with a governor's statement of emergency attached takes effect when the statement is received by the state secretary.
4. A law *not* subject to referendum takes effect in 30 days unless otherwise specified in the law itself.
5. A law *not* subject to referendum may be passed with a governor's statement of emergency and takes effect when the statement is received by the state secretary.

A law is *not* subject to referendum if it:

- a) relates to religion, religious practices or religious institutions;
- b) relates to the appointment, qualification, tenure, removal or compensation of judges;
- c) relates to the powers, creation or abolition of the courts;
- d) is restricted in its operation to a particular town, city or other political division or to particular districts or localities of the commonwealth; or
- e) appropriates money for the current or ordinary expenses of the commonwealth or for any of its departments, boards, commissions or institutions.

7. When counting days, the day of the governor's approval is excluded. In the case of a legislative override of a veto, the day of the override is excluded.

8. The usual form of an emergency preamble is:

"Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to [state the purpose, including some reference to the reason for immediate effect], therefore, it is hereby declared to be

an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public [peace, health, safety, or convenience]."

For more information – click on link below. Remember this bill should be only about State Issues.

<http://www.malegislature.gov/Legislation/DraftingManual>

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BRING WITH YOU:

1. **BEDDING** – Pillows, Sheets, Blankets or Sleeping Bag. Sleepware!
2. **TOWELS** – for Showers, Washcloths, Shower Cap, Floor Mat.
3. **TOILETRIES** – Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo, Shower Shoes, Hand Soap, Paper Towels, Hair Necessities, Sanitary Supplies, Toilet Articles, Contact Lens and Accessories, Makeup, etc. **SHOWER ARTICLES MUST BE PLASTIC – NO GLASS!**
4. **DRESS CODES FOR WEEK** – Girls State T-shirt, blue jeans / slacks / pants /knee-length skirts / Capri's / Bermuda shorts and comfortable footwear. **NO MINI SKIRTS, MID-DRIFT BLOUSES OR SHORT SHORTS, NO TUBE TOPS!**
5. **DRESS CODE FOR FREE TIME** – Blue Jeans, Shorts, Sport Clothes.
6. **DRESS CODE FOR INAUGURATION** – Semi-Formal, Dressy Dresses.
7. **WEATHER** – Sweaters, Rain Gear (we have had heat waves, cool weather, rainy weather), BE PREPARED!
8. **CAMPAIGNS** – Cardboard, Construction Paper, Felt Tip Pens, Scissors, Masking Tape, Scotch Tape, whatever else you need to make Posters. **NO LOOSE GLITTER ALLOWED. NO PREPARED CAMPAIGN MATERIALS ALLOWED. IF YOU COME WITH IT PREPARED, IT WILL BE TAKEN AWAY!**
9. **GIRLS STATE REVUE** – Bring Musical Instruments, Music, Dance Costumes, Props, etc.
10. **BOYS STATE / GIRLS STATE BAND** – Bring Musical Instruments.
11. **SPORTS** – Tennis Racquets, Balls, Sneakers. No swimming pool available. But you can use provided Basketballs, Soccer Balls at the Ames Sports Complex.
12. **MISCELLANEOUS** – Desk Lamp, Coat Hangers, Needle & Thread, Safety Pins, Camera and supplies.
13. **MONEY** – For Girls State Store: Logo Sweatshirts, Nylon Shorts, Sweatpants, Bags, Stuffed Animal, Soda, Water, Munchies, etc. Checks & Cash accepted at Girls State Store. There is a College Store and Vending Machines available also.
14. **CELL PHONES/IPODS/LAPTOPS** – Are allowed during free time **ONLY-No Internet Access.** If on during sessions, they will be confiscated and returned only at time of departure. **NO TEXT MESSAGING DURING SESSIONS EITHER.**
15. **NOTE: MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE AND/OR STONEHILL COLLEGE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONEY, JEWELRY, RADIOS, CAMERAS, ETC. LOST OR STOLEN.**

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. You will not be able to leave Campus for any reason. (That includes Recitals, Tournaments, Graduations, etc. YOU must make up your mind which function YOU want to attend. It is not fair to the other girls who abide by the rules.)
2. Credit card telephones are available, ONLY. Emergency calls may be received in the office.
3. No visitors are permitted on Campus. Parents and the Public are invited to attend the Inauguration Program on Wednesday Evening and the Girls State Revue on Thursday Evening, both at 7 P.M. Only – to be held at Stonehill College. Directions enclosed.
4. Please be sure to return the **REGISTRATION SHEET, MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE PLEDGE** (signed by YOU and YOUR Parent or Guardian), the **PARENTS CONSENT/MEDICAL CERTIFICATE** on or before the **MAY 12, 2012 DEADLINE**, so that you may receive your Dormitory and Party assignments.
5. Arrive on campus, **Saturday**, June 16th, 2011 between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. **Box Lunch available.**
6. Depart campus, Friday, June 22nd, 2011 anytime after 12 PM. **Box Lunch available.** All citizens **MUST** be off campus by **2 PM. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**
7. Come prepared to be busy, to learn, and to be an active part of Massachusetts Girls State. Plan to run for some office. Do not come prepared for only fun and games. It is a learning experience. **ONE, WHICH YOU LEARN BY DOING.**

We look forward to meeting you and to help make this a memorable and enjoyable week.

Bonnie Sladeski
Director of Massachusetts Girls State
And the Girls State Staff

Directions

Stonehill College
320 Washington St.
Easton, MA 02357
508-565-1000

From Boston and Directly North of Boston

- At Route 3/93 split, bear right
Follow signs for Route 93 South to Route 95 Dedham, Providence
- Stay left to Exit #4 -- Route 24 South/Brockton, Fall River.
- Exit 17B -- Route 123 West/Easton
- College is 1/2 mile on right

From The Cape

- Route 25 West
- Into Route 495 North
- Exit #7A -- Route 24 North
- Exit #17B -- Route 123 West/Easton
- College is 1/2 mile on right

From West of Boston

- Route 90 (Mass Pike) East
- Route 95 South
- Stay on Route 95 South past Dedham
- At junction of 95 South and 93 North, Stay in left lanes (Exit #12) for Route 93 North toward Braintree. Do not take the exit for Route 95 South.
- Take Exit #4 for Route 24 South/Brockton, Fall River
- Exit #17B -- Route 123 West/Easton
- College is 1/2 mile on right

From Northern CT, Western MA, and Northern NY

- Route 84 East in CT or Route 90 (Mass Pike) East in MA
- Exit #11A -- Route 495 South

- Exit #7A -- Route 24 North/Boston
- Exit #17B -- Route 123 West/Easton
- College is 1/2 mile on right

From Northwest of Boston

- Route 93 South
- Exit #37B -- Route 95 South
- Stay on Route 95 South past Waltham and Dedham
- At junction of 95 South and 93 North, Stay in left lanes (Exit #12) for Route 93 North toward Braintree. Do not take exit for Route 95 South.
- Take Exit #4 for Route 24 South/Brockton, Fall River
- Exit #17B -- Route 123 West/Easton
- College is 1/2 mile on right

[Stonehill Campus Map](#)

Check Map for buildings we will be using:	# A4	Roche Dining Commons
	# A6	Sally Blair Ames Sports Complex
	# C8	HOUSING TBD SHORTLY
	# C14	Old Student Union Building
		The Martin Institute

If you drive yourself – parking will be near buildings 8, 9 and 10, where you are housed.

Inauguration – Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
Showstoppers – Thursday, June 21, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC INVITED!

MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
EFFECTIVE: June 16, 2012 – June 22, 2012

Director Bonnie	TBD
Nurse	TBD
Girls State Office	TBD
Girls State Office FAX	TDB
Emergency	911
Stonehill Campus Police	508-565-5555
Fire Dept.	911
Caritas Good Samaritan Med. Ctr 235 N. Pearl St., Brockton, MA 02301	508-427-3000

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Dear Girls State Delegate:

SUBJECT: Samsung American Legion Scholarship

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is awarded at the 2012 Girls State session for the 2013 College Year. You must be a direct descendant, (i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc.) of a US wartime veteran, and participated in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program for the 2012 year. You are then eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to 7 students nationwide, who have participated in the American Legion Boy State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs for the current year. The award is \$20,000 for the national winners. Each program chooses 1 student from the applications received and forwards that application onto the National Americanism Committee who oversees all the awards. If the student is not a National Award winner, he/she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

To access the application go to: www.massgirlsstate.org and click on Scholarships. Then click on the Samsung Scholarship to download the form.

**YOU MUST SUBMIT A COMPUTER GENERATED OR TYPED APPLICATION. NO
HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

If eligible, complete the application, attach the required veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty and submit your application to your Girls State Counselor when you arrive at Girls State. **Please be sure that your SCHOOL fills out the appropriate section of the scholarship application and apply the School Seal.** Applications **MUST** be turned in by Sunday, June 17, 2012. **Applications will not be accepted after that date.**

If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, you may contact the Massachusetts Department Service Officer at 1-617-727-2966 or go online to www.archives.gov/veterans/ and click on box eVetRecs to get info online.

Thank You.
Sincerely,

Bonnie Sladeski
Director of Massachusetts Girls State
12 Doverbrook Rd.
Chicopee, MA 01022
E-mail: bonnies@massgirlsstate.org