

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
SPONSOR OF:  
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 14, 2010

**Girls State Dates: June 13-18, 2010**

**Stonehill College**



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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 14, 2010. 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 13<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (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 13, 2010 through June 18, 2010 (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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Examining Physician/or School Nurse (Date of Examination Must be within one year of attending Girls State) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
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FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

**SELECTION CRITERIA?**

- They will be completing their junior year in high school in June 2010.
- 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 – 5 – 8 citizens needed to sing 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 14, 2010

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](mailto:bonnies@massgirlsstate.org)



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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 and slacks/pants/skirts/capris/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** – Formal, 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. **SPORTS** – Tennis Racquets, Balls, Sneakers. No swimming pool available. But you can use provided Basketballs, Soccer Balls at the Ames Sports Complex.
11. **MISCELLANEOUS** – Desk Lamp, Coat Hangers, Needle & Thread, Safety Pins, Camera and supplies.
12. **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.
13. **CELL PHONES/IPODS/LAPTOPS** – Are allowed during free time **ONLY**. If on during sessions, they will be confiscated and returned only at time of departure. **NO TEXT MESSAGING DURING SESSIONS EITHER.**
14. **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 14, 2010 DEADLINE**, so that you may receive your Dormitory and Party assignments.
5. Arrive on campus, Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. **No lunch is available.**
6. Depart campus, Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 anytime after 12 PM. 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:	#8	Roche Dining Commons
	#9	Villa Theresa
	#10	Notre Dame du Lac
	#11	Corr Hall
	#18	Martin Institute for Law and Society
	#21	Old Student Union
	#23	Ames Sports Complex

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

**Inauguration – Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Showstoppers – Thursday, June 17, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC INVITED!**

**MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE**

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**  
**EFFECTIVE: June 13, 2010 – June 18, 2010**

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 2010 Girls State session for the 2011 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 2010 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](http://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 Monday, June 14, 2010. **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 1-800-632-8070 or 1-617-303-5693.

Thank You.  
Sincerely,

Bonnie Sladeski  
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12 Doverbrook Rd.  
Chicopee, MA 01022  
E-mail: [bonnies@massgirlsstate.org](mailto:bonnies@massgirlsstate.org)