

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dates: June 12 – 18 2021

Location: Stonehill College Campus, Easton MA

Please refer to the bottom of each page for instructions for that page, and

send any required paperwork to:

Andrea Pelletier

Director Massachusetts Girls State

278 Burlingame Road

Palmer MA 01069

**DEADLINE: MAY 31 2021**



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DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
SPONSOR OF:  
MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE

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**) \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**VERY IMPORTANT:**

**Name and # of Unit or Post who sponsored you:** \_\_\_\_\_

example: American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 275 or American Legion Post, Chicopee

**If an Organization sponsored you:** \_\_\_\_\_

example: Woburn Lions Club, or Minnechaug Regional High School

**Please return this form to the Girls State Director**

## Massachusetts Girls State Questionnaire

1. Girls State is held from June 12 to June 18, 2021. Once you have signed in, you must remain at Girls State the entire time. Will this be a problem? Please explain.
2. You must provide Legal Inhabitation documentation and the signed form by your parents/guardian when you arrive at Girls State. Will this be a problem? Please explain
3. As The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest patriotic women's organization, it is required that flag etiquette be adhered to. Will this requirement present a problem for you? If yes, please explain.
4. As part of the American Legion Auxiliary's mission statement, we believe in "God and Country." Will you be respectful of this belief?
5. Have any of your relatives served in our military? (for example: grandfather, aunt, etc)
6. Are any of your relatives currently serving in our military? (relationship)
7. Are you a member of ROTC? June 14 is Flag Day and during the week we will hold a flag ceremony. Would you be willing to participate? (Bring your uniform)
8. Our food is provided in the college cafeteria; do you have specific dietary restrictions? If yes, please explain.
9. You will be sharing your living space with a roommate(s) in a closely knit community of approximately 30 girls. Will you be respectful of the variety of differences throughout your Girls State community?
10. This week will provide you with many opportunities to experience real life situations. Are you willing to involve yourself to the best of your abilities in order to fully take advantage of this program?
11. What are your expectations of your Girls State week?
12. Due to the current global pandemic, we will have to abide by all rules and regulations set by the college in regards to personal protection. Will this be a problem for you? If yes, please explain.

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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 pledge to obey all the rules of Massachusetts Girls State.
- I will obey the code of conduct 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 an active part in the activities of the program and will take a serious and conscientious interest in fulfilling my responsibilities as a “citizen” at Massachusetts Girls State in any capacity in which I may be privileged to serve.
- 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 respect the judgment and authority of the staff of Massachusetts Girls State who are responsible for this Americanism program.
- I will participate in all flag and patriotic ceremonies.
- I will be fair, honest, and cooperative in all my dealings with my fellow “citizens”.
- I will make a report (written or oral) to my sponsors, and to my high school – of my experience at Massachusetts Girls State.

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.

I/we have read and understand the above:

ALA Girls State Citizen Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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American Legion Auxiliary Massachusetts Girls State Waiver and Consent

The following **MUST** be **SIGNED BY PARENT / GUARDIAN** and mailed to Director by **DEADLINE OF MAY 24, 2021. This is mandatory. Girls will not be accepted at Massachusetts Girls State as citizens unless Parent Waiver and Consent has been received.**

This will certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is under the age of eighteen years; she is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age.

I understand and confirm that participation in this ALA Massachusetts Girls State program is voluntary and hereby consent and grant permission for my daughter to participate in all activities in conjunction with this program. I further understand that my child's participation may involve risk of injury and loss, both to person and to property. On behalf of my child, I assume all risks in any way connected with said participation and I accept personal responsibility for any liability, injury, loss or damage in any way connected with said participation.

This will further certify that I, the undersigned, in consideration of the benefits and opportunities derived by my daughter who is a participant of the American Legion Auxiliary Massachusetts Girl State program, to be held in Easton, MA on the campus of Stonehill College between the dates of June 12, 2021 through June 18, 2021 (inclusive), do hereby release and discharge the American Legion Auxiliary, and Stonehill College, its officers, agents, staff, and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or courses of action which may, can, or shall have reason of illness, injury or accident incurred or suffered by said daughter while in attendance of said American Legion Auxiliary Massachusetts Girls State program, while traveling to or from, attending, or participating in said program no matter how caused or occasioned.

I understand and acknowledge that neither basic accident and health insurance nor personal property insurance will be offered, or provided by the American Legion Auxiliary in connection with ALA Massachusetts Girls State, and that the provision of such insurance is my / our own personal responsibility.

I do hereby certify that the information provided above and below this form is true and correct to the best of our / my knowledge.

Parent / Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name of parent/s group medical insurance carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Policy or certificate number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent to whom policy was issued \_\_\_\_\_

Employer to whom policy was issued \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\*\* \* \* 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:

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I certify that I have examined above named student and she is in good physical condition.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Examining Physician

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Examination **Must** be within one year of attending Girls State)

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**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts**

**ALA Massachusetts Girls State**

**Policy on ALA Girls State Social Networking and Media Use**

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts recognizes and supports its ALA Girls State participants' rights to freedom of speech, expression and association, including the use of online social networks. In this context, however, each delegate must remember that participating in the ALA Girls State program is a privilege, not a right. As a delegate, you represent the American Legion Auxiliary and are expected to portray yourself, your school and the Auxiliary in a positive manner at all times. Any online postings must therefore be consistent with federal and state laws, Stonehill College rules, and ALA Girls State rules, regulations and policies (including the Guidelines listed below).

Guidelines

If you participate on a social networking site or use social media, you must keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Everything you post is public information—any text or photo posted online is completely out of your control the moment it is posted—even if you limit access to your site. Information (including pictures, videos, comments and posters) may be accessible even after you remove it.
- Think before you post. If you feel angry or passionate about a subject, it's wise to delay posting until you are calm and clear-headed. Post only pictures and comments that you would be comfortable sharing with the general public.
- Use caution when adding someone or inviting someone to be a friend (this includes The American Legion Massachusetts Boys State citizens).
- Limit information about your whereabouts and plans in order to minimize the potential of being stalked, assaulted or the victim of other criminal activity. Post about where you've been, not where you're going.
- What you post may affect your future. Many colleges' admissions officers and employers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments and posts).
- Similar to comments made in person, you should be respectful online. The American Legion Auxiliary will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:
  - Derogatory or defamatory language and/or images;
  - Comments that create a serious danger to the safety of another person or that constitute a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person;
- Take the high ground. Don't pick fights, or engage in fights, online.
- Respect yourself; respect others; respect the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.

Monitoring and Consequences

The American Legion Auxiliary reserves the right to have ALA Girls State staff members review and/or monitor delegates' social networking sites and postings.

Any violation of law or of Stonehill College and American Legion Auxiliary Massachusetts Girls State's rules, regulations or policies, or evidence of such violation in your online content, is subject to investigation and possible immediate censure by the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State staff and/or law enforcement agencies.

Internal consequences may include, but are not limited to, notice to remove the content and dismissal from the ALA Girls State program.

As an American Legion Auxiliary Girls State participant, I attest that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this policy:

Signature of Participant

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Responsible Adult if the above is a minor

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian/Responsible Adult

Date Signed:

*A signed copy is required prior to participation and a copy retained by the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.*

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**Legal Inhabitanance**

High school girls eligible to participate in the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs must have completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one semester remaining, be a United States citizen or legal inhabitant of the United State as evidence by a current and/or valid birth certificate, visa, passport, Green Card or other United States government-issued documentation verifying a legal presence in the United State for at least the duration of the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs. For any girl to be eligible to take part in the ALA Girls Nation program, she must be able to clear a background check by the United States government, the White House and the U. S. Secret Service.

This documentation must be provided onsite and that failure to provide documents will result in ineligibility to participate with all expenses incurred up to that point becoming the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

**Documentation Requirements**

I attest that my daughter (ward) has a U. S. government-issued birth certificate or legal documentation of her legal presence in the United States provided by the U. S. government (e.g. visa, Green Card, passport). I understand that upon arrival and registration at ALA Girls State, I am expected to provide a bona fide copy of her birth certificate or her U. S. government-issued documentation proving that she is a legal inhabitant of the United States for the duration of the event. If I fail to provide current and valid documentation, my daughter will not be allowed to take part in the ALA Girls Nation and I, as parent/guardian, will be responsible for all expenses incurred up to that point in time.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

**Gender**

The ALA Girls State/Girls Nation leadership development programs are week-long 24/7 programs for high school girls. Participation is limited to females, as evidenced by her birth certificate or sworn statement signed by a licensed medical doctor. The student must be a female at the time the program takes place. Any challenge to a participants' gender on site at the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs must be addressed immediately and the decision for eligibility determined by a physical exam conducted by a medical doctor. If an exam is not complete prior to lights out on arrival day, the individual who has been challenged shall be provided a private room.

**PLEASE GIVE TO GIRLS COUNSELOR WHEN YOU ARRIVE**



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**WE DO NOT NEED THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET, JUST THE ACTUAL BILL**

**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 24, 2021

From the Bills we receive, five - seven (5-7) are chosen, edited, add to them if necessary, and then 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 use the information below and on the next page as a format to write your bill. We prefer this to be typed, but can be neatly handwritten. Tips for Writing A Bill are on the web site.

**A BILL**

**Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts Girls State assembled that:**

**SECTION 1** *State the new policy in a brief declarative sentence, or in as few sentences as possible.*

**SECTION 2** *Define any ambiguous terms inherent in the first section.*

**SECTION 3** *Name the government agency that will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific enforcement mechanism.*

**SECTION 4** *Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.*

**SECTION 5** *State that all other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.*

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_



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A BILL (sample page)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts Girls State assembled that:

Section 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Section 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Section 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Section 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_