

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE
PLAN OF ACTION 2022**

PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND WATCH DEADLINES!

The 2022 ALA Massachusetts Girls State program will be held at Stonehill College, 320 Washington St, Easton MA 02357 from **Saturday June 11th - Friday June 17th 2022**. Students are to arrive between **9 am - 10:30 am on Saturday** (first meeting begins at 11 am) and all students must be off campus by **2pm Friday the 17th**.

The fee to sponsor a student is **\$350** if paid by **April 1st** and will go to **\$375** until the deadline of **MAY 25TH**. (Make arrangements with the Director if later than May 25th)

**AT THIS TIME THERE IS A LIMIT OF 350 STUDENTS SO BE SURE TO FOLLOW ANY DEADLINES
AND GET SPONSORSHIP IN ASAP.**

MUST USE ATTACHED SPONSORSHIP FORM TO SEND IN YOUR MONEY!

The selection of your Girls State citizen is vital to the program. ALA Girls State affords participants the opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens by informing them about the privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Marketing and Citizen Selection Goal: Partner with schools to provide information on how to identify and prepare potential candidates. The objectives of the program are:

- To develop leadership and pride in American citizens.
- To educate citizens about our system of government.
- To instill a greater understanding of American traditions.
- To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government process.
- To encourage all eligible ALA Girls State citizens (past and present) to join the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Promote opportunity and benefits of membership as a resource for volunteerism.

PLEASE BE SURE TO USE SOME SORT OF SELECTION PROCESS. THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT WERE SENT AND HAVE GONE HOME DUE TO AN UNINTEREST.

Eligibility: Students are eligible to attend ALA Massachusetts Girls State if they meet the following criteria:

- Will complete their junior year of high school the same year as they attend.
- Interest in government on all levels.
- Have strong leadership abilities.
- High moral awareness.
- Above average scholastic standing.
- **MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE ENTIRE WEEK!**

*****NO FUNDS may be returned if your delegate decides not to attend, or doesn't show up at the program. We are charged the count given to the college prior to the week's start. It is vital that you choose an alternate as well, so if your first choice cannot attend, you will not lose your funds.*****

Orientation Goal: Provide information to volunteers and delegates to facilitate a successful Girls State session.

- Orientation sessions are held in each district (or combined districts) so that citizens can learn what is expected of them during the week, as well as what is expected of them throughout the week. Some sort of policy or selection process should be in place to ensure your choice is a proper fit. This can include anything chosen by the sponsor, including a written essay, questionnaire, or interview. You should make sure they have no issue with pledging allegiance to our flag, inspirational quotes, or non-denominational prayers.
- Through life-like scenarios and hands-on experiences, ALA Girls State teaches students the structure and workings of city/town and state government. They will learn by setting up their city/town, electing their officials, writing and debating bills, and electing their state constitutional officers. They will solve scenarios in their city/town as well as create a budget. There are law, government, and economics courses for them during the week, and a large selection of mini-courses for the students to pick from, all of them taught by staff members from Girls or Boys State.

Girls Nation: The American Legion Auxiliary provides a select number of ALA Girls State citizens an educational opportunity by continuing their experience on the national level. They will meet with members of the US Congress and their State Representatives. There is also a chance they could take a trip to the White House.

- Two ALA MA Girls State representatives will be selected after an interview process during the week. The ALA Girls Nation program will be held from **July 23-30 2022**.

Public Relations Goal: Create a program to educate the public about the importance of the educational opportunities offered to citizens attending the ALA Girls State and Girls Nation programs and demonstrate how this education will help create a more informed nation.

- Create press for local and state media.
- Maintain high profile by using the name and symbol of the American Legion Auxiliary whenever dealing with the public.
- ALA Girls State and AL Boys State DVDs and posters
- ALA Girls State and AL Boys State flyers

Resources: website and Auxiliary references

- <https://www.legion-aux.org/ala-girls-nation>
- www.facebook.com/ALAGirlsNation
- www.facebook.com/ALAGirlsState

I encourage Units Posts and Organizations to promote our program so the awareness is out in the communities. Let them know that the American Legion Auxiliary is proud to be part of education and government procedures. Our program has had many successful people become great leaders, lawyers, politicians, philanthropists, etc. We are also accredited with the Massachusetts School System. So **PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE**

If you have any questions, need any help, or would like me or one of my staff to visit your Unit, Post or Organization, to explain the program, please contact me by e-mail or phone. We also have a web site, which will have the forms the students will need (at a later date), that you can visit to gain more insight into what we do. Our web site is: www.massgirlsstate.org. My email is director.massgirlsstate@gmail.com.

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2022 SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM**

Please register _____ student(s) for the 2022 ALA MA Girls State Program.
(# of students)

****All sponsorships are taken first come first serve based on available space.**

FEE: \$350 until April 1st (early bird price) \$375 until deadline of May 15th. Money must be sent to ALA MA Department headquarters by this date, unless pre-arranged with the Director, to ensure all required paperwork can be collected from the citizen in time.

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| <p>Make checks payable to: Department of Massachusetts ALA</p> <p>Mail check to: American Legion Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts State House Room 546-2 Boston MA 02133</p> <p>Mail form to: Andrea Pelletier Director MA Girls State PO Box 128 Wilbraham MA 01095</p> |
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Dates of program: June 11 - 17 2022
Where: Stonehill College, 320 Washington St, Easton MA 02357
Limit: 350 students

Name of Sponsoring organization, or Unit/Post #: _____

School sponsor is working with: _____

SPONSOR CONTACT INFORMATION

(To receive sponsorship information packet)

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street city state zip

Telephone: _____ (In case I need to contact you about your citizen)

Email address: _____
this is where you will receive your information packet

The initial ALA Girls State information packet will be sent to the person above, using the email address provided. Please contact me if this is an issue.

****The paperwork for the citizens will be found on the website (www.massgirlsstate.org) under "FORMS" in early 2022. Citizen registration packets should NOT be accessed until money is received. NO MONEY CAN COME FROM A STUDENT OR THEIR FAMILY. Funds MUST come from a sponsoring organization!****

(organization can be school, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, American Legion Post, Local VFW, Knights of Columbus, etc)