

2024- 2025 ALA MA Girls State Sponsor Information Packet

The 2025 program dates are from **Saturday June 14th** thru **Friday June 20th** at Stonehill College in Easton MA. Arrival is between **9am and 10:30am** Saturday morning (first meeting is at 11) and students can be picked up as early as **11am on Friday**, and need to be off campus by 2pm the latest. **Students are not permitted to leave campus** for other commitments, so decisions should be made with this in mind.

Sponsorship is **\$375** until **April 1st**, and will increase to **\$400** until the final deadline of **May 20th**. I **cannot** accept late submissions.

*****PAY ATTENTION TO THE DEADLINES!*****

I have these deadlines set up to allow the students time to prepare. It is not fair to turn them away because of late sponsorship, and it's also not fair to force them to rush to prep.

FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW AND ON THE FORM ARE NECESSARY TO BE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT ON BOTH ENDS OF THE SPONSORSHIP!

STEP 1: Send form on the following page, along with the check, to Andrea (Director).

- Andrea will then email you a new information packet. **Let Andrea know if you need a paper copy mailed to you!**

STEP 2: The second packet has a **new form**. Send this new form to Andrea by **May 25th!** This is how the **student** will get program information from Andrea. Andrea will be reaching out directly to the students with information. If she doesn't hear back from the student, she will then reach out to you.

- Andrea and/or the district chair will reach out to each sponsor and student with both in person and online orientation information for your area.

STEP 3: Andrea will reach out directly to the students with their check-in information **1 week** prior to the start of the program.

What makes a good citizen?

- Completing their junior year of high school
- Interest in political science, government, current events, etc.
- Hold themselves to high moral standards
- Possesses leadership qualities
- Above average scholastic standing
- Respect American Flag and the American Legion Auxiliary's support of God and Country

*****CITIZENS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE ENTIRE WEEK!**

- Citizens will not be allowed to leave the program to attend another commitment during the week, and return to campus.
- Late arrivals must be approved by the Director, and students must be on campus by Saturday before lights out.

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.

The American Legion Auxiliary provides a select number of ALA Girls State citizens an educational opportunity by continuing their experience on the national level at **Girls Nation**. 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 19-26 2025**.

*****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.*****

**American Legion Auxiliary
Massachusetts Girls State
2025 Sponsor Registration Form**

Please register _____ student(s) for the 2025 ALA MA Girls State Program.
(# of students)

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

FEE: \$375 until April 1st (early bird price) **\$400 until deadline of May 20th.** Money must be sent to the Director by this date, unless pre-arranged, to ensure all required paperwork can be collected from the citizen in time.

Make checks payable to: ALA Dept. of MA; memo: Girls State

Mail check and forms to: **Andrea Kimball**
Director MA Girls State
PO BOX 128
Wilbraham MA 01095

Dates of program: June 14 - 20 2025

Where: Stonehill College, 320 Washington St, Easton MA 02357

Limit: 350 students

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

School where student attends : _____

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 2025. 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! NO FUNDS may be returned if your delegate decides not to attend, or doesn't show up at the program. It is vital that you choose an alternate as well. (organization can be school, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, American Legion Post, Local VFW, Knights of Columbus, etc)**