

## **TOP 10 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE**

10. It's a resume builder – only if you attend for the full week.
9. Be part of a more than 60 year tradition – sponsored by the largest women's patriotic organization – The American Legion Auxiliary.
8. Show off your talent during our annual revue!
7. Famous people have attended including Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, Governor Christine Gregoire, and Jane Pawley.
6. Opportunity to be chosen as a Girls Nation Delegate to go to Washington, D.C. and represent Kentucky as a Senator – (and possibly meet the President!)
5. Develop valuable skills – public speaking, debating, journalism, confidence builder, etc.
4. Speakers are awesome – hear their motivating messages and put them to use.
3. Opportunity to run your own city.
2. Making new friends – for the week, for the summer and some for life-long.
1. Be empowered by other enthusiastic, intelligent young women.

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# **Kentucky Girls State**

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**University of the**

**Cumberlands**

**Williamsburg, KY**

American Legion Auxiliary  
*Department of Kentucky*



2010 elected state officials during their trip to the state capital.



## Learning by doing

Since 1947, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky has provided young women with the opportunity to learn about government via the first hand experience of establishing a mock government. Based upon Kentucky government, city and state government is studied with the participants developing political parties, conducting elections, and passing legislation.

Each attendee is assigned to a mythical city, a political party, and the Senate or House of Representatives.

Kentucky Girls State offers 6 days of intellectual stimulation, as well as the opportunity of making new friends, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

## PROGRAM

Kentucky Girls State is designed to give its participants a comprehensive view of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

All citizens of Kentucky Girls State are members of a mythical 51st state with the branches and levels of government patterned after Kentucky government. A two party political system using the names “Federalist” and “Nationalist” is used to replicate the workings of the political system, and have no connection to the current political parties within our state or nation.

Participants conduct their own elections to serve in city and state offices, familiarizing themselves with current issues as well as the duties and responsibilities of the individual office. They participate in county government through panels and guest presentations from past and present office holders. A bicameral legislature, with the House of Representatives and Senate, is formed where the participants can write, introduce, debate, and pass their own legislation.

## STAFF

Kentucky Girls State is staffed by volunteers who are members of the American Legion Auxiliary, and by former participants of the Girls State program.

## ELIGIBILITY

Participants in the Girls State Program will have just completed her junior, or third year, of high school. No sophomore or senior will be accepted.

Participants must be essentially a leader... leadership, character, honesty, cooperativeness, and participation in service in her school and community are important.

Participants must be interested in government, willing and available for full participation in the Girls State program for the entire session.

Participants in the Governor’s Scholar Program are encouraged to apply; however, due to the dates of GSP, they would not be eligible to attend Girls Nation.

## SELECTION

Potential Girls State participants are recommended by their schools based upon the characteristics listed above. The final selection of Girls State participants rests with the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

## SPONSORSHIP

Attendance at Kentucky Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary through the local Units. Other civic organizations, individuals, and businesses help support the program as contributing sponsors. The sponsorship fee of \$185 includes the cost for the participants lodging and meals during the program.