



American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State

TO UNIT PRESIDENT AND/OR GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN

For the 2017 session of American Legion Kentucky Girls State (ALA KGS), revised forms are being used to facilitate greater availability to our Units and to the Schools who are being represented. All forms are also available from the Department Website at: www.kyamlegionaux.org.

Since the forms are being made available via the internet, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE REGISTRATION FORMS BE PROPERLY SIGNED BY A SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE UNIT PRESIDENT OR GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN. At the time the registration form is submitted, the medical form, media release and social networking policy must also be provided. A background form is provided, but not required. Also, please note that the registration form should be used for both delegates and alternates, with appropriate information checked. Finally, each Unit is the judge of their participants and the Unit Chairman is responsible for providing the Delegate Letter to each participant.

FACTS ABOUT ALA KENTUCKY GIRLS STATE

1. 71st Session to be held June 4th – 9th, 2017
2. Held at the University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, KY, just off I-75
3. This is interactive training in the governmental process. Activities include role play as government officials.
 - a. Assigned to Federalist or Nationalist Party
 - b. Assigned to House of Representatives or Senate
 - c. Run for elected city and state offices
 - d. Live in mythical cities
 - e. Delegates write bills and email or bring bills to Girls State
 - f. Supervisors are American Legion Auxiliary volunteers
 - g. Registration begins at 12:00 noon until 3:00 *p.m.* Sunday, June 4th• The closing session on Friday, will adjourn at approximately 10:00 a.m.

CRITERIA FOR DELEGATES TO ALA KENTUCKY GIRLS STATE

1. Progressed through grade 11 without interruption or retention.
2. Must be a legal resident of the United States.
3. Must be interested in government
4. Must be willing and able to fully participate in the entire program. **ANY LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY DEPARTURES WILL FORFEIT THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE WHILE AT GIRLS STATE.**
5. **Participants in the Governor's Scholar Program should be considered to attend ALA Kentucky Girls State;** however, they are ineligible to attend Girls Nation due to a scheduling conflict with GSP.

REGISTRATION MATERIALS

1. The registration form, medical form, background information, social media policy, and media release should be mailed to:
Ms. Virginia Hobbs, Director
Kentucky Girls State
297 Terrace Drive
Radcliff, KY 40160-1185

2. **REGISTRATION FEE IS \$225.00 per Delegate. There is no discount for early registration.** Fees should be paid by check made payable to ALA Kentucky Girls State and mailed to: **American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky, 134 Walnut Street, Frankfort, KY 40602-5435. THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION is MAY 1, 2017.**

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship will be offered again this year. Information regarding this scholarship is available from the American Legion's website at: <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>. All applications must be completed and submitted online. The system will lock at midnight June 5 and only completed applications will be judged. The link for the scholarship application is: <http://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>. There will be 8 winners of \$20,000 awarded nationally. All state winners will receive a consolation scholarship.

Remember the American Legion Auxiliary is the sponsoring organization, but a contributing organization, bank, individual, business, or civic organization, may contribute toward sponsoring a delegate for Girls State. However, the Unit must have final approval of the delegate. The contributing sponsor must make their check payable to your Unit. The Unit writes all checks for ALA KGS.

Please call your participating schools and make an appointment with their guidance counselor, government department head, or JROTC instructor. They can be most helpful in selecting the girls that best fit our criteria. Remind the schools that the final selection will come from the participating ALA Unit.

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