



American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State

Congratulations on your selection to attend the 72nd session of American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State (ALA KGS). Our staff is excited about this year's session and is looking forward to meeting you.

ALA Kentucky Girls State will be held on the campus of the University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, KY from Sunday, June 3 thru Friday, June 8, 2018. Registration will begin on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 12:00 noon, EDT, and will continue until 3:00 p.m., EDT. Registration will be in the lobby or front porch of the residence hall, depending on the weather. (Please note, the location for registration will be determined based upon the dormitories being used. Please watch for a "Registration" banner on the campus.) If you arrive before 12 noon, your room may not be ready. Therefore, please try to arrive during the time specified. Also, please make sure you have eaten your lunch before registering as the first meal provided in the program is the evening meal on Sunday.

There will be several offices that you can run for in your city and there are a number of offices at the state level for which you can run. Positions are also available in the legislature. A list of the offices is attached. You can also go to www.kentucky.gov to view general information on state offices and connect to links from there. Materials will be available in your city to make campaign posters, etc. Professional, preprinted campaign material is not permitted. Your originality and imagination are great assets in preparing campaign materials.

You may receive mail daily while attending ALA Kentucky Girls State. The address will be: Your Name, c/o ALA Kentucky Girls State, University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

What you should bring: Casual, comfortable clothing that you would **normally wear to school** –

**Please do not wear –tops with bare shoulders, spaghetti straps, or bare midriffs
-extremely short shorts (primarily athletic shorts) outside the dormitory.**

A dressy outfit for the Inaugural Banquet

Two or three professional outfits, if you run for State Office

Workout clothes and a swimsuit (providing the pool is open)

Hangers (there are none in the closets)

An umbrella or poncho in case of rain

Comfortable shoes

Bed linens – pillow, sheets (2 twin size flat), pillowcase, blanket and towel and washcloth

Toiletries, including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste

A light jacket

Hair dryer, curling iron, hot rollers, etc.

Sanitary products

Camera and film

An alarm clock

Spending money for city picture, snacks and pizza, or laundry

The University has a Campus Bookstore and we have an ALA KGS Store which carries logo wear representative of the program. We offer a wide range of sizes, but you are welcome to drop a note or email on sizes so that we can accommodate the tiny girls as well as large.

There will be a talent show one night. If you want to take part in the talent show, you should bring what you will need for your act, if possible. There will be a piano available, as well as a CD player for music you may bring. We strongly urge you to participate in the talent show as it is one of the highlights of the week.

In addition to your personal needs, we ask you to participate in a service project being conducted this year to aid homeless veterans. Each ALA KGS participant is requested to bring **one new white t-shirt preferably in a larger size**. American Legion Auxiliary members will distribute these t-shirts to homeless veterans in multiple locations across the state.

By participating in the ALA Girls State Program you may be eligible to apply for a \$10,000 scholarship offered by the American Legion via a grant from the Samsung Corporation. Eligibility requirements for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship involve being a direct descendent of an American wartime veteran. The specific dates for military service and the eligible descendants are available via the American Legion Website at www.legion.org. Type Samsung Scholarship in the search box to locate the information and portal to prepare and submit the application. All applications must be completed online and applications must be complete by **Midnight Sunday, June 3. After that time, the portal will not allow any additional input into the system by the applicants.**

If you drive to ALA Kentucky Girls State, you will be required to surrender your car keys upon your arrival. You will also be required to complete a form listing specific information on your vehicle. Your keys will be returned on Friday morning, June 8, 2018. Our last session should be over by 10:a.m. on Friday.

If for some reason, you cannot attend the entire week of Girls State, release forms must be signed and mailed by your parents, to the Director, **PRIOR** to ALA Kentucky Girls State. This will be the only approved release unless it is a case of emergency. Also, if for some reason after you are chosen, you cannot attend Girls State, please contact the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Chairman or the person in your area who has been working with you, as soon as possible. You may also contact the Director listed below. Your fee to attend the program has been paid. If we are given sufficient time, we can get someone else to attend in your place. This is very important, because the American Legion Auxiliary members have worked hard to raise this money and that money is forfeited if you do not attend. Please, do not back out at the last minute. If you have any doubts about attending, please give us enough time to replace you.

Upon your return home, we encourage you to write a letter of thanks to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit that sponsored you for this program. You will be given a card with the name and address of the individual to contact.

We hope that you have a fantastic time at Girls State and we look forward to working with you!

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