



# American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State

## **TO GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTOR:**

All forms and information is available via the internet at [www.kyamlegionaux.org](http://www.kyamlegionaux.org) and then Girls State, or through your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. New forms are being used to facilitate greater availability to our Units and to the Schools who are being represented. Participation in the ALA Kentucky Girls State Program will be limited to 8 students per school or 10 percent as the total registration as of May 25, 2018, whichever is greater

**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 information form is optional. The registration form should be used for both delegates and alternates, with appropriate information checked. The deadline for registration is May 1, 2018.

Enrollment in the ALA Kentucky Girls State Program is open to residents of Kentucky, students enrolled in the Kentucky Schools, or Department of Defense Schools located outside of the United States for the resident registration fee of \$275. Non-resident students are subject to a registration fee of \$325.

Applications submitted directly to the ALA Kentucky Girls State Program will require submission of a letter of recommendation for the student by a school representative.

### **FACTS ABOUT GIRLS STATE**

1. 72st Session to be held June 3rd – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018
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. Federalist or Nationalist Party member
  - 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 should email or bring bills to Girls State.
4. Supervisors are American Legion Auxiliary volunteers
5. Registration begins at 12:00 noon until 3:00 *p.m.* Sunday, June 3rd• The closing session on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> will adjourn at approximately 10:00 a.m.

### **CRITERIA FOR DELEGATES TO 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 and demonstrate leadership characteristics.
  4. Must be willing and able to fully participate in the entire program. **ANY LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY DEPARTURES WILL FORFEIT THEIR BEING ABLE TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE WHILE AT GIRLS STATE, REGARDLESS OF THE REASON.**
  5. Participants in the Governor's Scholar Program are welcome to attend; however, due to schedule conflicts would be ineligible for selection to attend Girls Nation in Washington, DC, in July 21 to July 28, 2018.
- **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 3 and only completed applications will be judged. The link for the scholarship application is: <http://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>. There will be 10 winners of \$10,000 awarded nationally. Ten National Runner-ups will receive \$5,000 in scholarship, and each State Finalist will receive \$1,250.

If you have any questions, please contact the local Girls State Chairman or either of us.

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