



Girls State is a summer program in which 11th grade girls focus on leadership skills and civic awareness. During the one week summer program students will run for office, develop public speaking skills and participate in all aspects of developing a working government system. Approximately one thousand girls from California will participate. This is also an excellent addition to your college and scholarship applications.

Date: June 25-30, 2024

Place: Sacramento State University

Cost: No cost to student (student provides their own transportation to and from event)

Requirements:

3.0 or higher GPA

Be a student leader and or athlete

Be civic or community minded

Be a US Citizen or permanent resident.

Qualities:

Leadership potential

Upper third of class scholastically

Capable of being at ease with a strange group

Capable of making a formal presentation, organizing and leading discussion

El Dorado High School Girls State Application Process

Mandatory informational meeting on Friday, January 19th at 1:30pm in the Forum.

1. Application due to EDHS Counseling Office by **2pm, Friday, January 26th.**
 - a. We will add your transcript to your application
 - a. Applications will be reviewed by staff members
 - b. Five girls from El Dorado High School will be interviewed for one spot

**You will be contacted by Mrs. Fregoso if you are selected to be interviewed
Interviews will be on Wednesday, February 14th.**

Questions?

Contact Kari Fregoso in the Counseling office

530-622-3634 x1028 or kfregoso@eduhd.k12.ca.us

**For more information about Boys State please go to:
www.cagirlsstate.org**

SERVICE THROUGH MEMBERSHIP: JUNIORS UNDER AGE 18



ALA Junior members volunteer with other girls in their age group in many engaging activities:

- Learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag

- Helping military families in practical ways such as mowing yards and helping military kids become acclimated at a new school
- Distributing poppies and raising awareness, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, so our veterans know we care about them

Practicing leadership by organizing service projects

Earning service patches while learning about ALA programs

Demonstrating responsibility for future scholarship, college, or military service applications

If you are a female ALA member 17 years of age or younger and love our country, imagine attending a regional or national meeting focused on Junior Activities with a hundred girls who could become your lifelong friends!

The American Legion Auxiliary encourages young women to lead the way in continuing its legacy of serving veterans, the military, and their families. For more information about Junior Activities, visit www.AL4forVeterans.org or follow us on Facebook at American Legion Auxiliary Juniors.

Millions of hours of Auxiliary outreach service are volunteered annually for veterans and military families. Will you step up and join us?

Read more about the American Legion Auxiliary at www.AL4forVeterans.org.

Email your questions or comments to alahq@AL4forVeterans.org.



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Youth Programs

A Community of Volunteers
 Serving Veterans, Military,
 and their Families

ALA GIRLS STATE

American Legion Auxiliary units in all 50 states proudly host ALA Girls State, an amazing week of learning focused on



responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and country. Female high school students who have completed their junior year are competitively

selected and sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary units for this program, where they learn about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and actively running a mock government. The girls are assigned to mock cities and either the "Federalist Party" or "Nationalist Party." Assistance from dedicated ALA volunteers ensures the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic, and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Though the week is filled with many learning opportunities, there is always time for fun and the formation of long-term friendships.

The art of civil debate is one of the main skills learned at this premier program, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary since 1937. Many ALA Girls State participants have gone on to a lifetime of service to our country in the military, civil service, or advocacy.

Candidates should be keenly interested in government and current events, have high moral character, and show strong leadership abilities. Because the structure of state and local government varies, ALA Girls State

programs may vary in content and method of procedure, but each adheres to the same basic core values.

Two outstanding girls are selected from each ALA Girls State program to attend ALA Girls Nation. These "senators" meet for a week in Washington, D.C., where they run for political office, campaign and debate for the passage of legislation, and meet with their real-life counterparts on Capitol Hill. Capping off the week of ALA Girls Nation is a possible meeting at the White House with the President of the United States.



Local businesses and community organizations ensure maximum participation by contributing to the ALA Girls State program, ultimately benefiting their communities

and ensuring educated leaders for future generations. www.ALAForVeterans.org/ALA-Girls-State

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH

The American Legion Auxiliary offers thousands of dollars in scholarships at the national level, including:

- Fifteen \$5,000 Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarships for direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.
- Five \$5,000 Spirit of Youth Scholarships for Junior members of the ALA. Learn more about eligibility and other scholarship opportunities: www.ALAForVeterans.org/scholarships

Additional scholarships are offered in each ALA department (state) and through many



community ALA units and Legion posts. Please contact your local American Legion Auxiliary unit for more information.

- Also available:
- The James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship,

awarded to a student who has volunteered at least 100 hours at a Veterans Affairs medical center.

www.volunteer.va.gov/ParkeScholarship.asp.

- The Samsung American Legion Scholarship, awarded to ALA Girls State and American Legion Boys State participants who are direct descendants of wartime veterans. www.legion.org/scholarships/Samsung

ALA OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR LEGION FAMILY

To recognize and reward the positive actions of our youth, the American Legion Auxiliary has two special national awards which are presented locally to deserving youth who are under age 18:

The **Youth Hero Award** recognizes youth who perform a heroic act of physical bravery. The **Good Deed Award** is for youth who contribute in a special way to society through community service. **More information:** Children&Youth@ALAForVeterans.org

ALA Americanism Essay Contest (grades 3 to 12): Students explore the fundamental rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Each year's contest has a different theme; one student in each category per division is awarded a prize.