



American Legion Auxiliary

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American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation July 22 – 29, 2017

For 70 years, the American Legion Auxiliary has provided young women with a citizenship training program that is second to none – American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation. This unique experience, held every summer in the nation's capital, is designed to provide practical insight into how the federal government works, to instill a sense of pride and loyalty to America and create friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Participants are known as "senators" and are selected from the 50 Girls State sessions held across the country. Two outstanding citizens are chosen to represent their state at Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. where the focus moves to the federal government.

A key component of the Girls Nation program involves mock senate sessions complete with caucusing and debating of bills. You must be able to write a bill and present your bill to the Girls Nation Senate. Remember the Girls Nation Senate represents the federal government therefore it is important that your bill or resolution deal with a topic that falls under the jurisdiction of the federal government. Campaigns are held to elect party officials, a Girls Nation president and vice president.

In addition to their legislative forums, the senators hear distinguished guest speakers and visit the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House and memorials in the Washington, D. C. area. Their visit to Capitol Hill includes meetings with their states' senators and representatives. The highlight of the week is the opportunity to meet the President of the United States.

Room/travel Accommodations:

ALA Girls Nation Senators will stay in the Washington D.C. area. The American Legion Auxiliary provides room, board and travel. Towels and bed linens are furnished by the Auxiliary. Roommates are randomly assigned with 4 Girls Nation Delegates per sleeping room. Each sleeping room has a bathroom.

Dress Code:

- 2 ALA Girls Nation uniform shirts will be provided.
- Black skirts and/ shorts must be to the knee
- Business attire for senate sessions if you would like to change out of uniform (especially if you would like to run for a leadership role.
- 1 dressier outfit for graduation night.

Girls Nation delegates will be announced at the Buckeye Girls State graduation ceremony. If selected you are required to meet with the BGS Scholarship Coordinator, in the Director's Office, immediately after the BGS graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 17 for further instructions and your Girls Nation package. It is recommended that your parents accompany you to this briefing.

If you feel you meet all the qualifications for a Girls Nation Senator and can attend the Girls Nation session please complete the application found on the reverse side.

All applications must be returned by June 1, 2017 to the following address in the large, self-addressed envelope included in this packet:

American Legion Auxiliary, Buckeye Girls State, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, OH 43702-2760

2017 GIRLS NATION APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of School: _____

GPA: _____ US Citizen? Yes () NO ()

1. Will you be available to attend Girls Nation? July 22-29, 2017 Yes () No ()

2. Write a brief statement on why you should be selected to attend Girls Nation.
(Attach a type written separate sheet of paper.)

3. If selected, you will be required to submit a bill or resolution for consideration by the Girls Nation Senate.
(Attach a type written statement addressing your bill or resolution and why? This must be type written and a minimum of one paragraph, no more than three paragraphs.)

4. To what class/student government office or position have you been elected?

5. Have you ever given a speech? Yes () No ()
If so, where and what was your subject.

6. List Academic Honors and Achievements (no more than three)

7. List your community involvement (no more than three)

8. High School Activities: (no more than three)

9. Of the qualities listed below, pick the top three you believe best describe you:

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| () Good Leader | () Self-reliant | () High Moral Character | () Follow Rules |
| () Self-Motivated | () Responsible | () Good Student | () Competitive |

Print legibly; follow instructions when additional information is requested. You may attach a resume or student portfolio.