

## American Legion Auxiliary

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Dear Buckeye Girls State Delegate,

Congratulations on being selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary's Buckeye Girls State Program. You are attending based on the recommendation of members of your school, your community and your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit or American Legion Post. Many organizations help co-sponsor (financially support) Delegate fees, however; the final decision and responsibility for your acceptance rests in the hands of your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

During this seven-day, fast paced program, you will have the opportunity to learn about Ohio Government and the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship by actively participating in a democratic form of government. And only by participating can you gain the full benefits of the program. Buckeye Girls State is what you decide to make it!

Many former participants report that their career successes were directly impacted as a result of their Girls State experience. So take the first step, decide which positions interest you and work towards that goal. If, by chance, you aren't elected to your first choice, seek another, as there are opportunities for everyone to hold an elected or appointed position. By the end of the week, you will be surprised by what you have accomplished. So go for it!

Knowing that both you and your parents have questions about the program, it is important you read and understand all the information given to you. Please read and follow all the instructions carefully. Verify your name and address on the mailing label and notify this office immediately if there are changes. Remember, reading the information sent to you is necessary for you to successfully complete the mandatory On-line Orientation. Also, the BGS Website – <a href="https://www.buckeyegirlsstate.org">www.buckeyegirlsstate.org</a> is a wonderful source for information about the history of Buckeye Girls State and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Buckeye Girls State has a policy that all Delegates must stay for the entire program, which lasts seven days; from Sunday, June 13 beginning at 1:00 pm through Saturday, June 19 at around 12:15 pm. If a Delegate leaves early she forfeits all rights to any honors, awards and scholarships. Early departures will result in an "incomplete".

It is every Delegate's responsibility to notify their sponsoring ALA Unit if they are unable to attend the full session as soon as possible thus allowing for an Alternate to attend. Those who do not notify their sponsoring ALA Unit, or do not complete the program, may be held responsible for scholarship fee reimbursement.

Sincerely,
Rene' Reese
Director of Buckeye Girls State



## **Information Included in This Packet**



## If you are unable to attend Buckeye Girls State 2021, it is important that you:

- 1. Notify your local sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit contact person immediately!
- 2. Give this envelope of material to your replacement.
- 3. Make certain you or the Auxiliary contact person <u>advise this office immediately</u> at (740) 452-8245. After June 9<sup>th</sup> please call (330) 829-4131.

<u>Information</u> <u>Action Required</u>
(All document return dates are "postmarked by" dates.
ALA National President's LetterFor your information
ALA 2021 Girls Nation ChairmanFor your information
Department President's Community Service Project LetterFor your information
Delegate Information Booklet
Directions to University of Mount Union & Campus MapFor your information
Bookstore Items
Buckeye Girls State Dress Code (please refer to page A-3Review and Pack Accordingly
BGS Sexual Harassment PolicyFor your information
Policy on ALA Buckeye Girls State SocialSign and return as instructed by May 1, 2021 Networking and Media Use Medical Record and Consent FormComplete and return as instructed by May 1, 2021
Band Pre-Registration
Special Entertainment Pre Registration
Blue Star Family Pin Form
Delegate Vehicle Identification Form
Girls Nation Instructions andIf interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by May 1, 2021</u> Application
Samsung Scholarship Information
Highway Patrol and Cadet Week InformationIf interested, bring white T-shirts, and black
shorts or slacks
Pre-Addressed EnvelopeUse for returning information as directed in this Packet