

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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Dear American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Citizen:

Congratulations on your selection to attend the 2018 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State session. Your sponsoring Auxiliary Units have worked very hard to send you this week. They have set up interviews with your schools, they have members who sat in on your interviews to determine who would be chosen, they have raised and collected funds in order to pay for your registration fees to attend and some have even helped you with your travel costs. Only a select number of young ladies are chosen to attend this prestigious program. You join more than one million young women who have experienced this program since its inception in 1937 who are now respected community leaders, businesswomen and professionals.

You are representing your school, hometown and community. You were chosen because each of you possesses the qualities that the American Legion Auxiliary looks for, your interest in government, your leadership ability, honesty and good character. At ALA Girls State these skills and others will be put to good use. This week is your chance to experience firsthand the complexity of our government system and what a privilege it is to be an American citizen and appreciate the liberties we too often take for granted.

Participate, get involved, run for office, and make this a memorable week. Take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. You will learn so much about yourself and what you are capable of. Take this experience and the knowledge you have gained to build your future and make your community a better place to live.

Make the most of your week. It will be full of lasting memories and valued friendships. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud to be able to provide this outstanding program, proud to have you participate in the 2018 session, and hope you will be proud to be an American.

I ask that when you return home that you please share your experiences with your family, friends, school and your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

Welcome to ALA Girls State!

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