



American Legion Auxiliary Maryland Girls State



June 16 - 21, 2019 at Salisbury University

Application Deadline: March 22, 2019

Each summer, approximately 16,000 young women participate in weeklong ALA Girls State programs across the nation. Every American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program operates with the same patriotic values through a nonpartisan curriculum where students assume the roles of government leaders, campaigning in mock parties (often called “Federalists” and “Nationalists”) to become mayors and county and state officials of their ALA Girls State. The program is a weeklong immersive learning experience, often held on a college campus where girls live in “cities” within a dormitory-like setting. The learning, experience, memories, and friendships last a lifetime.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program:

- Develops leadership and pride in American citizens.
- Educates citizens about our system of government.
- Instills a greater understanding of American traditions.
- Stimulates a desire to maintain our democratic government processes within our republic.

Selection Criteria:

- Be a legal inhabitant of the United States. Participants must provide a copy of their U.S. birth certificate or their U.S. government-issued documentation verifying they are in the United States legally, e.g. green card or visa.
- Have completed their junior year in high school and have at least one more semester remaining before graduation.
- Be keenly interested in government and current events.
- Have high moral character and show strong leadership abilities.
- Demonstrate above-average scholastic achievement.

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Application and Interest form: www.facebook.com/alamdgs**