

OVERVIEW



American Legion Auxiliary Keystone Girls State is one of the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. As a participant in the program, you will run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government in this exciting and fun summer program. You'll meet other students from across Pennsylvania who will become friends for life. You'll develop confidence and leadership skills that will shape your future and help you on your way to becoming the future leaders of tomorrow.



HOW TO APPLY



Applications will be posted online at www.pagirlsstate.com/apply. Girls will also be able to get paper copies through their school or their local ALA units.

For more information on how to apply, email kgsalapa@gmail.com or reach out to the ALA Dept. of Pennsylvania by calling (717) - 763-7545.

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Keystone Girls State



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SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

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GIRLS STATE HISTORY



The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State curriculum began in the 1930s and is one of the most well-respected civics/Americanism programs in the country. Each year, approximately **16,000 young women** across the nation become citizens of their respective Girls States, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary-sponsored Girls State programs. Citizens live in their cities and become government leaders, campaigning as “Nationalists” or “Federalists” to become elected officials in their State. This week-long immersive learning experience is held on college campuses in each state, housing the citizens in dormitories.



BENEFITS



- The Girls State program is highly valued on college applications
- Develop a working understanding of state and local government.
- Become a more active and informed citizen.
- Meet State Representatives in Harrisburg while visiting the state Capitol.
- Develop leadership, people, and life skills
- Learn about opportunities to get involved in politics and government
- Get practical tips on college applications, resumes, social media, volunteering, and internships.
- Participate in fun activities like Keystone’s Got Talent, intramurals, and community service

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for KGS must have:

- (1) completed their junior year of high school, and have at least one more semester remaining prior to graduation.
- (2) U.S. citizenship.
- (3) no marital status, and must not have attended any other ALA Girls State session.
- (4) strong moral character and budding leadership qualities.
- (5) passion for learning, with an interest in American government.
- (6) respect for the American flag, and for the ALA motto and its meaning – For God and Country.
- (7) an above average scholastic rank and dedication to academic and personal success.

*No citizen should be sent to ALA Keystone Girls State who has any other obligations during American Legion Auxiliary Keystone Girls State week. **NO citizen may arrive late or leave before the close of the session.** Final selection of the candidates rests with the local American Legion Auxiliary Units. The Units work with high school principals, counselors or other faculty, community leaders and clergy, who assist in evaluating the qualities of the candidates.*