

### TOP 10 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE

10. It's a resume builder – only if you attend for the full week.
9. Be part of a more than a 100 year tradition – The American Legion Auxiliary.
8. Show off your talent during our annual revue!
7. Famous people have attended including former Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, former Washington Governor Christine Gregoire, Jane Pawley, Kentucky Lt. Governor Crit Luallen and BG (Ret.) Anne Fields McDonald (USMA graduate from the first class including females) .
6. Opportunity to be chosen as a Girls Nation Delegate to go to Washington , D.C. and represent Kentucky as a Senator – (and possibly meet the President!)
5. Develop valuable skills – public speaking, debating, journalism, confidence builder, etc.
4. Speakers are awesome – hear their motivating messages and put them to use.
3. Opportunity to run your own city.
2. Making new friends – for the week, for the summer and some for life-long.
1. Be empowered by other enthusiastic, intelligent young women.

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Registration materials and all required documents will be available via download from: [www.alaky.org](http://www.alaky.org) or from contacting the program Chairman or Director. The deadline for registration is May 15, 2025.

#### Quotes from Former Citizens

“Girls State not only allowed me to gain a greater appreciation of how government works, my rights as a citizen, and a desire to give back to my country, but it also introduced me to lifelong friends.”

Kirsten Logan, 2012 Kentucky Girls State Citizen USCG Graduate

"KY Girls State truly changed my life. Because of the program, I met lifelong friends and discovered what career I'd like to pursue. Girls State gave me the tools and connections to pursue a career in public service."

Danica Moon, 2017 ALA Kentucky Girls State Citizen and 2017 Vice President ALA Girls Nation



# American Legion Auxiliary Kentucky Girls State

June 2 –6, 2025

Western Kentucky

University

Bowling Green, KY



Delegates from the ALA Kentucky Girls State gather on the capitol steps.

## Learning by doing

Since 1947, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky has provided young women with the opportunity to learn about government via the first hand experience of establishing a mock government. Kentucky government is studied with the participants developing political parties, conducting elections, and passing legislation.

All citizens of KGS are members of a mythical 51st state with the branches and levels of government patterned after Kentucky government. Each attendee is assigned to a mythical city, a political party, and the Senate or House of Representatives.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Kentucky Girls State (KGS) offers 5 days of intellectual stimulation, as well as the opportunity of making new friends, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

## PROGRAM

ALA KGS is designed to give its participants a comprehensive view of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Opening program session begins on Monday, June 2nd at 1:30 PM CDT and will conclude on Friday, June 6th at 10:00 AM. CDT

Participants conduct their own elections to serve in city and state offices, familiarizing themselves with current issues as well as the duties and responsibilities of the individual office. They participate in county government through panels and guest presentations from past and present office holders. A two party political system using the names "Federalist" and "Nationalist" is used to replicate the workings of the political system, and have no connection to the current political parties within our state or nation.

A legislative session is held where the participants can write, introduce, debate, and pass their own legislation.

Participants visit the State Capitol in Frankfort .

## SPONSORSHIP

Attendance at ALA Kentucky Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary through local Units. Other civic organizations, individuals, and businesses help support the program as contributing sponsors. The sponsorship fee for participants is \$350 . The fee includes the cost for the participants lodging and meals during the program. Transportation is not included in the registration fee.

## STAFF

ALA KGS is conducted as a program of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky. It is staffed by volunteers who are members of the American Legion Auxiliary, and by former participants of the Girls State program. All staff members are over 18 years old and subject to regular background checks.

## ELIGIBILITY

Participants in the Girls State Program will have **just completed her junior**, or third year, of high school. **No sophomore or senior will be accepted.**

Participants must be legal residents of the United States.

Participants must be essentially a leader... leadership, character, honesty, cooperativeness, and participation in service in her school and community are important.

Participants must be interested in government, willing and available for full participation in the ALA Girls State program for the entire session.

Participants in the Governor's Scholar Program (GSP) are encouraged to apply; however, due to conflicting dates for GSP, they would not be eligible to attend Girls Nation.

Application deadline is May 15.

## SELECTION

Potential ALA Girls State participants are recommended by their schools based upon the characteristics listed above. The final selection of ALA Girls State participants rests with the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Applicants sent directly from schools or individuals must provide a letter of recommendation from a school official.

## ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES

By attending ALA Kentucky Girls State, one participant will win a scholarship from the American Legion. Information is available at: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>.

Two other attendees will have the opportunity to attend Girls Nation in Washington, DC. The chosen girls must attend from Saturday, July 19-26. The two girls will work cooperatively on developing either a bill or resolution for submission in the legislative process.