



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY
JERSEY GIRLS STATE
2018 INTENT TO SPONSOR**

The 2018 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Jersey Girls State session will be held at **Georgian Court University Lakewood, NJ, from Sunday June 17 to Friday June 22, 2018.** The "Intent to Sponsor" form with payment of \$230.00 per delegate should be received as soon as possible but **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.** Checks or money orders should be made payable to "American Legion Auxiliary Jersey Girls State" and earmarked "Intent to Sponsor" and sent to:

Debbie Noble, Assistant Director
600 Avenue E
Bayonne, NJ 07002
jerseygirlsstate@gmail.com

*****Please note that in addition to the Sponsor amount there is a \$50.00 registration fee to be paid by the delegates and remitted with their registration form.*****

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SPONSOR FOR 2018 JERSEY GIRLS STATE County _____
Unit/Post # _____

_____ delegates to the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State at \$230.00 per delegate total _____
Delegate/Alternate forms will be sent to the Chairman listed below or hand delivered to the County
President or Chairman:

Post/Unit Girls State Chairman Name _____

Address of chairman _____

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Home Telephone

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Day Time Telephone

_____ e-mail address

Names of outside contributors below (or back of form):

There will be no refund of Intent to Sponsor monies

Registration forms for delegates or alternates **WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE** until the Intent to Sponsor is received accompanied with your check or money order. **DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2018**

REMINDER: IF CHECK IS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE (WITHOUT NOTIFICATION), IT MAY BE RETURNED IF QUOTA IS FILLED

American Legion Auxiliary Jersey Girls State Merchandise Order Form

DELEGATE NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

Email address _____

Delegates will be requested to wear a WHITE "Jersey Girls State" shirt for the group pictures and may also purchase t-shirts in their party color. Check the Girls State website for party designation www.jerseygirlsstate.mysite.com

T-shirt order Shirt prices: \$10.00 each or 4 shirts for \$35.00

Color	Indicate quantity					Total # of Shirts
	Small	Medium	Large	XLg	XX Lg	
White						
Red (Nat)						
Blue (Fed)						

Additional Merchandise Available for Order

Item	Price	Select Size	Quantity Desired
ALA Jersey Girls State Hooded Zip Sweatshirt	\$25.00ea	S M L XL XXL	
ALA Jersey Girls State plaid pajama pants (black/white)	\$20.00ea	S M L XL XXL	
Purple Long Sleeve New Jersey "Wordle" T-Shirt	\$15.00ea	S M L XL XXL	
Fleece ALA Jersey Girls State Blanket	\$15.00ea	One Size	

Enclosed is check # _____ for _____ (total #) pre-ordered items = _____
 Make checks payable to "American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of NJ"

Mail entire form and check to:
 Girls State Shirt Order
 Debra Noble
 600 Avenue E
 Bayonne, NJ 07002

Deadline for orders is **May 19, 2018**

There will be a limited amount of shirts/sweatshirts to purchase at the program registration. You will pick up your shirts at registration

Process for selection of Delegates/Alternates for Jersey Girls State
(a copy of this should be given to the school upon initial contact)

- 1 – the Unit (or Post) will contact the High School and ask for recommendations of students or have the school ask for any students that are interested in the program. It is not always the highest academically that is the best choice. A well rounded individual is a better choice. If the school does not have any interested students you may want to “advertise” for home schooled students or contact a private school for students from your area.
- 2 – The Unit will either contact the students themselves or the school will let the students know when the interview date is to be held.
- 3 – All students **MUST BE** interviewed by a representative from the unit at the unit’s choice of location. It is not necessary for parents to attend at this point of the process.
- 4 – Only the unit will decide who is to be selected as Delegates or Alternates **NOT** the school.
- 5 – Upon selection of the delegates and alternates the unit will notify the County Chairman of the names of the selections. The County Chairman will in turn provide registration information and access codes for the delegates and alternates to use in the online portal.
- 6- The registrations will be submitted electronically by each delegate and alternate.
- 7 – There will be 3 types of orientations this year- Regional Orientations in counties around the State; conference calls; You Tube. Every Delegate and alternate must be informed about the Orientations to be conducted. Every delegate **MUST** participate in one orientation. If a delegate cannot attend the orientation in her own area, she can attend one in another area. The County Chairman **MUST** be notified so that she is aware that the student will be attending. Only Alternates who have completed an orientation will be considered to replace a Delegate, should an opening become available.
- 8 – Units should make their delegates/alternates aware of the orientation dates, place and time.
- 9 –Schools are **NOT** to change any selections for any reasons. In the event a delegate cannot attend the County and Unit Chairman should be contacted immediately.
- 10- Any candidate who is not willing to participate in non-denominational prayer or to render proper respect (hand-salute) to the American Flag, will be considered unwilling to obey the rules of Jersey Girls State and will not be considered eligible for selection as a delegate to the program.**
- 11 – Any candidate who is unable to attend FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH of the program is not considered eligible for selection as a delegate. Please confirm each candidate’s availability and awareness of this policy PRIOR to selection.**

There are no exceptions to the Jersey Girls State rules.

QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED OF CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO ALA JERSEY GIRLS STATE

- 1 – Have you ever heard of the American Legion Auxiliary? (Explain the purpose of our organization)
- 2 – What have you been told, if anything, about the Girls State program? (If none, inform them)
- 3 - Have you attended or been selected to attend a program conducted by the Women’s Club of NJ or any other similar programs? (If yes, they should consider which to attend, as there are similar programs to Girls State)
- 4 - Unless sickness or any other emergency existed, do you have any family, vacation or personal commitments (summer job, driving exam, graduation ceremonies) that would stop you from spending the entire week at Girls State, from Sunday June 17 until Friday June 22 at approximately 11:30 am? (If any conflict exists, either the candidate would have to reschedule (i.e. drivers test) or they could not attend Girls State as they must be there the entire week)
- 5 - If you were selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program in July, would your parents object to you flying/traveling to Washington, D.C. alone?
- 6 - If you are employed or expect to be this summer, would you be able to make arrangements for time off from June 17 – June 22? (This answer must be yes to be considered)
- 7 – Are you a citizen of the United States? If not, do you have legal resident status (green card)? (Only legal residents and citizens are allowed to participate in the Girls State program)
- 8- What do you feel are the qualifications of a Good Citizen?
- 9 – Do you object to saluting the American Flag or participating in nondenominational prayer? (The answer to this should be NO and explain it if the candidates do not understand) If they object – they should not be selected. This is a “private” program held on a private university so we can set the criteria.
- 10 - Do you have any health issues or any other disabilities that might keep you from participating fully? If so what are they? (If health issues exist, does the candidate require an Aide to be in attendance?)
Do you require special times for religious observance?
Do you have special dietary requirements? (Kosher food, Halal food)
(if the candidate is picked and needs special accommodations the Director needs to be notified immediately; the cost of the aide or special dietary needs will be billed to the candidate and/or the unit)
- 11 - Do you have any experience in Student Government?
Have you been involved in debating or oratorical contests?
Have you been involved in any way helping to campaign for any elected officials?
(Participation in any of these activities would be helpful to the candidate)
- 12 - Why would you like to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program? (This is important in making your selection)

After your selection of delegates and alternates has been made, suggest to each of them that it would be beneficial to them to visit or call some of the elected officials in their area to tell them of their being selected to attend Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. They could ask them about their duties and responsibilities of the various elected and appointed positions and how to present a bill or resolution. Have them inquire about current issues within their community, County or at the State level. This would give them insight as to what to expect during their week at Girls State.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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The creation of the concept of the Girls State program is credited to a Chicago teacher, Mr. Hayes Kennedy, Of Loyola University School of Law, in 1935. Mr. Kennedy was concerned about a project in existence at that time called "Young Pioneers Camps" which were being promoted by the Communist Party, which advocated the virtues of the communist system as opposed to the "uselessness" of Democracy. He felt that a counter movement should be started among the ranks of the Nation's Youth. His goal was to stress the value and importance of our Democratic form of government and to promote an effort to preserve it.

The Illinois Department of The American Legion approved Mr. Kennedy's project and in June 1935 the very first "Boys State" in the nation was held on the Illinois State Fairground. From that beginning in 1935, the program spread swiftly among other American Legion Departments and in 1937 "Girls State" was authorized as a program of the American Legion Auxiliary. The rest is history as the programs are now conducted in all 50 states.

Our American Legion Auxiliary Jersey Girls State program was first held in 1947 at Douglass College in New Brunswick. During the 80's the program was moved to Rider University (then Rider College) in Lawrenceville. In 2005 the program was moved to Georgian Court University. The 2018 session will be held June 17-22 inclusive.

Girls State is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship training to girls that have completed their Junior Year of High School. It will afford them an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens and to inform them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship. They will learn government at the municipal, county and state level, as it exists in New Jersey today.

Each citizen will be pre-assigned to a dormitory, a political party (national or federal) a City and a County. She will then have the opportunity to run first for a city office or seek an appointment at the city level. After City elections are concluded the Mayor will make appropriate appointments and will conduct all city meetings for the remainder of the program. Two cities will compromise a County and each county will also elect officials. The County officials will make the necessary appointments and they conduct meetings for the remainder of the program.

The citizens of Jersey Girls State will elect State Senators and Assemblywomen who will conduct the meetings of their respective houses and will include discussions and/or debate on bills and resolutions to be presented to all of the citizens.

A Jersey Girls State Governor and Lt Governor will be elected from the over 400 delegates, who will in turn appoint members of her Cabinet and the heads of the various State Agencies. There will be time each day for a Newspaper committee to meet and will publish a newspaper at the end of the week and also the Girls State Chorus who will perform at the ceremony on Friday. One night will be set aside as a "Talent Night" for those that wish to show off their special talents, be music, dance, singing or any variety of talents. Throughout the week, speakers will be scheduled from all phases of government and also from other areas of interest.

Girls Nation, first established in 1947, is a continuation of Girls State based on the fundamental of our Federal Government. Two girls are chosen annually from each Girls State to attend the Girls Nation session in the Washington, DC area in July. They will be asked as New Jersey's two Senators to submit a bill for consideration during the session at Girls Nation. They will have an opportunity to visit many historical sights around our nation's capital and to also meet with many prominent politicians.

Sarah Carmody Remy

Director
American Legion Auxiliary
Jersey Girls State

This bulletin may be duplicated and should be presented to the contact person at the High School, outside sponsors, news media and the delegates that are selected.



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ALAJGS can now be reached at our new email address, and the address of our web site has changed. If you have any questions regarding sponsorship of delegates, orientations, delegate and alternate information or changes, or the registration process, you may contact us at

Email: jerseygirlsstate@gmail.com

Phone: 609-200-1477

Your will receive a response from the Director or the appropriate staff member as quickly as possible.

New web site: www.jerseygirlsstate.mysite.com

ALA Jersey Girls State Director

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856-767-7981

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ORIENTATIONS

The Girls State staff has stressed, for many years, the importance of all delegates and alternates attendance at an orientation.

Why do we require it? Because the orientation is the only place where we can properly insure that the correct information is given out; many times, things are lost in translation when the delegates (or alternates) rely on information received from other sources.

In order to make it as easy as possible for JGS staff and your delegates/alternates and parents:

There will be 3 types of orientation seminars available to delegates and alternates. Attendance at AT LEAST ONE of these is MANDATORY.

- 1) Regional orientations- there will be 7 or 8 held at various locations around the department
- 2) You Tube video presentation with question/answer period
- 3) Conference call phone orientations with question/answer period

Any delegate that does not participate in one of the above seminars **WILL NOT** be allowed to attend the Girls State program- **NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXCUSES**

We have made every effort to accommodate the delegates; however, we will **NOT CONDUCT** personal orientations or plan special orientations other than the published schedule.

It will be up to the Unit and County chairmen to go to the Girls State website where we will have the list of all delegates and alternates whose paperwork has been received- the roster will include columns to indicate the following:

Registration received and complete?

Registration fee received?

Orientation attended?

GIRLS STATE UNIT & COUNTY CHAIRMAN

1 – THE GIRLS STATE PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO 400 DELEGATES FOR THE 2018 PROGRAM. EACH COUNTY GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE INDIVIDUAL ALLOTMENTS TO EACH UNIT/POST/SQUADRON.

PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE IN SELECTING YOUR DELEGATES! If a delegate is not willing to participate in non-denominational prayer and show proper respect for the American Flag, she will be considered as not willing to obey the rules of Jersey Girls State and is therefore disqualified from attending.

2 - Try to have sponsors for all secondary schools in your area including public and private and parochial. Do not forget about home-schooled students; contact a local association for information. If your unit cannot financially handle this, contact other civic organizations such as PTA, Lions, Kiwanis, Elks, Women's Clubs, etc. or perhaps some local businesses. Don't forget the local Republican and Democratic Clubs, local and county governing bodies. If they are not familiar with our Girls State program, take a delegate from last year and ask if you both may speak to them. If you do not have outside sponsors, be sure they have the opportunity to get to know the delegate... and remember to "Thank" them...a Certificate of Appreciation is most appropriate. Two or three small units might get together to sponsor a girl. Instead of having many from one school, try to have at least one from every school in your town area. Visit the school and have them get to know you as "Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program".

3 – Fill out the INTENT TO SPONSOR FORM and send it with the full fee of \$230.00 per delegate to Assistant Director Debbie Noble. Be sure to report the number of delegates to be sponsored to your County Chairman. Checks from outside sponsors should go through the Unit or Post.

4 – Delegates should be selected by April 19th. Be sure the selection of the delegates and alternates are made according to the suggested bulletin procedure. The Director reserves the right to send a delegate home if she does not meet the qualifications stated and does not obey the rules and regulations of Jersey Girls State. This procedure will be followed only when extremely necessary. If a delegate is sent home under these conditions a letter will be sent to her school principal, the unit and her parents informing them of the action taken.

5 – Once delegates are selected and the County Chairman has been notified, the Unit Chairman will receive a unique registration code for each delegate and alternate. The delegates will be given a letter along with a registration code and instructions. Registration will be submitted online. The remainder of their paperwork, including the permission form, pre-session orientation and government books along with various other forms will be available on the website. The letters and registration instructions will be distributed at the March Department Board Meeting and will be given to the County Girls State Chairman, if present, if not they will be given to the County President. Training will be available in advance to assist Unit and County Chairmen in becoming familiar with the online registration process. County Chairmen must make arrangements with the units and the posts in their respective counties to distribute the letters and forms to each so that the delegates and alternates can receive them in a timely fashion. **You must advise the delegates that there is a \$50.00 registration fee.** This fee is due with the registration. **The registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE!**

6 – Included in the letter to the delegates and alternates will be information on where to find a listing of **Centralized Orientations** as well as information regarding On-line and Phone orientations. **All Delegates must attend or participate in an orientation.** This will give all delegates and alternates an opportunity to be able to schedule their time. **Any delegate or alternate that fails to participate in one of the orientations WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND GIRLS STATE.**

7– **Please advise delegates that their registration must be completed in full and in a timely manner through the online portal.** Please contact us at jerseygirlsstate@gmail.com if you have questions

8 – Please advise delegates that, if they are eligible and interested in applying, they should *immediately* begin completing their Samsung Application through the online portal. A delegate is eligible if she is a direct descendent of a veteran. A link will be provided on the website, online application, and delegate letter.

9 – Prior to the Orientations, units should make sure each delegate has received her individual instructions regarding online registration and obtaining necessary forms. Online registration and medical forms must be completely and accurately completed by the delegates and her parents, and submitted online by May 3 or she will not be allowed to register.

10 – Be sure to arrange to have your delegate and alternate participate in one of the orientation seminars. There will be orientation in each area of the state, phone orientations and You Tube video. A member of the Girls State Staff (assigned by the Director) will attend all Orientations. Alternates should also be encouraged to participate, as they must know the information should they be asked to



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Jersey Girls State

We are compiling a special book of greetings to welcome citizens of 2018 Jersey Girls State as well as to support the Girls State program. We encourage Auxiliary members, Legionnaires, Units, Posts, friends, family and business professionals to purchase an ad to extend their well wishes and to show their support. Costs of ads are: full page \$30.00; half page \$20.00; quarter page \$15.00 and boosters \$1.00 per name.

Please use this and the enclosed form to place your ad and forward the completed forms with payment to:

Girls State Ad Book
Doreen Gallagher
26 Willow Drive, Apt 7A
Ocean, NJ 07712

If you have questions, please reach us by email at jerseygirlsstate@gmail.com

Your support of the American Legion Auxiliary's Jersey Girl's State program is greatly appreciated and the entire staff thanks you sincerely.

Sarah Carmody Remy, Director

Complete and return to: Sarah Carmody Remy no later than **June 1, 2018**, together with check for ads payable to: **American Legion Auxiliary, Department of NJ**

_____ Full Page \$30
_____ Half Page \$20
_____ Quarter Page \$15
_____ Boosters \$1 per name

Contact name and address: Unit __ County __

Enclosed is check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____

Telephone: () _____

E-Mail _____

*****PLEASE- NO COLOR PICTURES/ ONLY BLACK/WHITE*****