



Massachusetts Girls State

Program Overview

About Girls State

ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs is to provide a nonpartisan participatory program that teaches eligible high school females responsible citizenship grounded in ethics, the principles of our nation's founders and respect for God and Country.

High school girls, who have completed their Junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary-sponsored Girls State programs in every state. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

Participants learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens.



What Happens at Girls State?



You will be placed into a city or town with 20-30 other Girl Staters from across Massachusetts with whom you will form life-long friendships



During your week at Girls State, you have the opportunity to participate in band, chorus, sports or study halls during your free time.



As a program that focuses on government, you will learn about the different aspects that run city and state governments.



Learning about the foundation of our nation's government and the importance of supporting our veterans is one of the main goals of the American Legion Auxiliary

Visit massgirlsstate.org to learn more about the program



Leadership

Citizens at girls state learn about the core principles of leadership while running for office, writing bills, advocating for their beliefs, and attending sessions about law, government, and social sciences. Campaigns and elections showcase some of the most successful leaders in the program, while academic conversations give them the foundation and confidence to lead with integrity in their communities back home.

Americanism

Each day is begun with a flag ceremony. Respects are paid to both the state and American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance is recited. Being sponsored by the American Legion Auxillary, the program takes to heart the ideals and values that our country was founded on.

Citizenship

Each citizen at girls state will form a city or town with their fellow citizens. Elections will be held within those cities and towns and also on the state level. These elections are mainly run by the citizens themselves. During the week they are presented with real world problems to be solved collectively with their fellow citizens to come up with solutions keeping the whole in mind.

Integrity

Every meeting, ceremony, presentation, and activity at MA Girls State is approached with the utmost integrity in order to emphasize the importance of honesty, sincerity, and honor. These virtues are instilled in citizens when participating in the campaign process, heartfelt debates in classrooms, and challenging conversations between activities



A Day at Girls State

8:00-8:45 am: BREAKFAST

8:45-9:00 am: GIRLS' STATE ASSEMBLY

9:15-10:15 am: ELECTIVE CLASSES

10:30-11:15 am: GENERAL EDUCATION

11:30-1:20 pm: 1st LUNCH & MINI COURSE

12:30-1:20 pm: 2nd LUNCH & MINI COURSE

1:30-3:30 pm: PARTY CONVENTIONS

3:45-4:00 pm: CITY AND TOWN MEETINGS

4:00-6:00 pm: SPORTS and other activities

6:00-6:50 pm: DINNER

7:00-9:00 pm: Girls' State Assembly

9:15-10:45 pm: City/Town Meetings in Dorms

11:00 pm Lights Out

Activites

- Press Conference – Press Reporter needed from each City and Town.
- Newspaper Published – Reporter and Artists needed from each City and Town.
- Choir/Band – 5 – 8 citizens needed to sing/play at the Inauguration after completing only 2 to 3 rehearsals.
- Town/City Scenarios
- Girls State Revue – Individual Talent performers
- City/Town Books – a report from each Citizen about her position/s held at ALA Girls State and handed into the City/Town Clerks the last night of ALA Girls State