



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY **New Mexico Girls State** June 5-10, 2022

ALA NM Girls State is a nonpartisan program for young women to learn about government through hands on activities where they will campaign, elect and run city, county and state government. Junior young women interested in learning about getting involved in their community and leadership are eligible to attend this in person week of learning.

Attendees will:

- Learn about government
- Earn college credits & scholarships
- Participate in patriotic programs
- Provide service to the community
- Meet new friends and have fun



New experiences are calling. Will you be there?

GET HANDS ON
WITH GOVERNMENT

MEET YOUNG LEADERS
FROM ACROSS THE STATE

EARN SCHOLARSHIPS
& COLLEGE CREDIT

For more information visit www.alanmgirlsstate.org.

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Girls*
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Greetings,

I am writing to you on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State program. You have been identified as a point of contact for your school and we hope that you will work with us to recruit eligible candidates for attendance to the 2022 ALA NM Girls State session.

The ALA NM Girls State program epitomizes the American Legion Auxiliary's mission to honor those who have brought us our freedom through an enduring commitment to develop young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. The young women become knowledgeable in the democratic process and how our government works at the city, county and state levels. Through a nonpartisan curriculum, delegates assume the roles of government leaders, campaigning in mock parties called "Federalists" and "Nationalists" to become elected and appointed officials of their ALA Girls State. The program is a weeklong immersive learning experience, held on a college campus where young women live in "cities" within a dormitory-like setting. The learning, experience, memories, and friendships last a lifetime.

Delegates to ALA NM Girls State have the opportunity to:

- Learn leadership skills.
- Hear from leaders around the state.
- Participate in service projects for the community.
- Earn college credits for attendance.
- Apply for scholarships exclusively available to ALA NM Girls State attendees.
 - Samsung American Legion Scholarship - Finalist awarded in New Mexico then will continue on to compete nationally for the opportunity to win a \$10,000 scholarship.
 - ENMU Book Scholarship - Recipients awarded \$500 book scholarship.
 - NM American Legion Riders Scholarship - Recipient awarded \$1000 scholarship.

To be eligible, young women must:

- Have completed their junior year in high school and have at least one semester remaining before graduation.
- Be keenly interested in government and current events.
- Have high moral character.
- Show strong leadership abilities.
- Demonstrate above-average scholastic achievement.

The 2022 session of American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State will be held Sunday, June 5 – Friday, June 10 at the Eastern New Mexico University campus in Portales, NM.

Interested candidates can register online at www.alanmgirlsstate.org by May 27. The cost for a delegate to attend ALA NM Girls State is \$230. This breaks down into a \$30 registration fee that delegates will be responsible to pay upon registration and a \$200 program cost the American Legion Auxiliary Units across the state have worked to sponsor young women from your school. If delegates would like to fundraise and find sponsors on their own for the \$200 program cost please have them contact us.

We look forward to another successful session and want to thank you for working with us to recruit outstanding students to attend. To continue future contact with our program, please take a few moments to register as your school's point of contact via our online registration at www.alanmgirlsstate.org/SchoolContact.

Thank you for your time and if you have any additional questions please feel free to contact us.

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