



Requirements for the Girls State Program

Eligibility Requirements

Limited to girls who are 11th grade students for the current school year, (public, private, or home schooled). Each candidate must plan to continue high school and attend one or more semesters immediately following the Girls State Session. Girls under consideration for any other conflicting activities are not acceptable candidates.

Previous Girls State Citizens shall not be eligible as a candidate. The Department Chairman may accept or reject any applicant.

Candidates shall be selected on the basis of outstanding leadership, scholastic merit, interest in community and government, character, honesty, and cooperativeness.

Candidates should be independent in the physical requirements of daily living, if not, they must provide an ATTENDANT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. This attendant shall be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age, female and must be able to attend the entire session.

Faculty Guidelines

As a guide to the faculty the following information shall be provided for use in selecting the most qualified candidate.

- a. Must be willing to confirm to all medical regulations as stated in the medical form
- b. Should be of excellent character and citizenship and in the upper third of her class scholastically
- c. Should possess qualities of courage and honesty and be cooperative with others. Candidate, upon her return from Girls State must be willing to relate the interest and sense of responsibility of government she has gained from participating at Girls State to her school, her community and sponsors.
- d. Under no circumstances have or had any marital status. Respecting the importance of the parental role, no candidate/delegate who is pregnant or a parent herself will be considered.
- e. The candidate and or alternates shall be informed that the final acceptance is dependent upon all papers being in order and all eligibility requirements having been satisfied. The Unit makes the final choice after recommendations and interviews.
- f. Schools will select no more than five (five) candidates for the Auxiliary to interview.

Candidates Selection Procedure

The Unit Chairman or her representative must present all materials, necessary information and selection guidelines to the school representative. The recommendation of no more than 5 (five) candidates shall be made by the school faculty and provided to the sponsoring Unit.

Only the Unit shall have final approval of recommendations, subject to acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last year's girl state citizen may provide guidance in selection of the current candidate and may be included as part of the committee when interviews are scheduled. When a Unit has chosen the candidate, the fees and supporting papers shall be forwarded immediately as provided in the instructions.

Publicity may be released indicating that the delegate has been chosen as soon as the papers have been received from the candidate and generally accepted by the Unit and forwarded to the Department Chairman, usually after April 1st.

If a selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances beyond their control, cannot attend the Girls State Session, the second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend to prevent forfeiture of the Unit fees.