



American Legion Auxiliary  
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### **Department Code Requirements for the American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State Program**

- a. Candidates are limited to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2022-2023 school year (public, private, or home schooled). Each delegate must plan to continue high school and attend one or more semesters immediately following the ALA Girls State session.
- b. Previous ALA Girls State Citizens shall not be eligible to be a delegate. The ALA Department Girls State Chairperson may accept or reject any applicant.
- c. Delegates shall be selected on the basis of outstanding leadership, scholastic merit, interest in community and government, character, honesty, and cooperativeness. Delegates should be independent in the physical requirements of daily living. If not, the Delegate's family must provide an ATTENDANT AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. This attendant must be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age, be female, pass a background check, and attend the entire session.
- d. Delegates who have an underlying medical condition must have medical clearance from their licensed physician to attend ALA California Girls State.
- e. Candidates must be willing to conform to all medical regulations specified by federal and state law, the California Department of Public Health, and as stated in the medical sections. Delegates are strongly recommended to be current with all vaccinations recommended by CDC, including COVID-19 and flu. Any delegate who becomes sick must leave the campus as soon as reasonably possible and the delegate's family is responsible for arranging transportation home and any associated costs.
- f. Candidates must be of excellent character and citizenship and should be in the upper third of their class scholastically.
- g. Upon return from ALA Girls State, the Delegate must be willing to relate the interest and sense of responsibility of government the Delegate has gained from participating at ALA Girls State to the Delegate's school, community, and sponsors.



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### **Structure of American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State**

At ALA California Girls State, each Delegate shares a dorm room with one or more Delegates in a residence hall. There are about thirty Delegates on each floor and these citizens constitute a city. They will form their own government and elect Senators and Assemblymembers to represent them. The elected City Council will enact ordinances to govern their city.

Four cities form a county. Each county will form their own government after electing the Board of Supervisors, Superior Court Judge, District Attorney, and other county officials. These elected officials will function in all county matters as provided by the constitution and laws of the State of California.

The four counties will form our state. Each Delegate will be assigned a political party, either Federalist or Nationalist. They will develop their own party platforms and will choose their own issues to discuss. They will participate in primary and general elections to select an American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and other state officials.

The citizens will publish a newspaper and organize a choir, orchestra, and talent show. On the final day of ALA California Girls State, the Superior Courts will hold their mock trials and the Governor will give her State of the State Address to the citizens.

This is a week of learning by doing: NO lectures, NO books, and NO tests. Each of the six days is jam-packed with learning, living, and growing. This is a fast-paced, rigorous program, with a short mid-day rest period but no personal space as we're living in dormitories (and no one travelling alone). Go to [cagirlsstate.org](http://cagirlsstate.org) to see a typical day's schedule.

Be prepared for an experience of a lifetime!

If you have any questions, contact:

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**To learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary: [calegionaux.org](http://calegionaux.org).**

**To learn more about the ALA California Girls State program: [cagirlsstate.org](http://cagirlsstate.org).**

**To learn more about the ALA Girls State program: [legion-aux.org/ala-girls-state](http://legion-aux.org/ala-girls-state).**

## **Department Alternate Information Sheet**

Many of the questions on the online application you will be able to answer on your own. There are several questions for which you will need to gather some information. This worksheet has been created to help you gather that information. If you have the information ready and available, the online application should take you 20-30 minutes to complete. Please keep this form with the ALA information as a reference. **\*\*\*You must use a personal email address when completing the online application; you cannot use an email address that you use with a school account to complete the online application.**

### **Personal Information**

Multiple Phone Numbers for Parent/Guardian(s):

Parent/Guardian Email:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers(s):

School Representative Name (usually a counselor):

School Representative Email:

### **Health Information**

Year of last Tdap (Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis) vaccination:

Date of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccination:

Current Prescriptions (name, dosage, frequency, storage information):

If you have health insurance, Name of Insurance Company:

Policy Number:

Person To Whom Policy Was Issued:

Please have the following ready to upload PRIOR to starting the online application:

1. Separate scanned copy or picture of each signature page of the [Alternate Parent/Guardian packet](#).
2. A photo of yourself (head shot). You may only upload one image file.