

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

TO THE STUDENT AND PARENTS

1. Complete Section 1.
2. Type or print in block letters where it can be easily read.
3. Refer to the Georgia Girls State web site for additional information. Review the site at <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>.
4. Read the section that begins with, "I UNDERSTAND THAT:"
5. Both student and one or both parents must sign and date the application.
6. Complete Medical History and Consent Form, Parent Waiver
7. Make a copy of the front and back of the insurance card if insured.
8. Attach a photo of the participant.

TO THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR/COORDINATOR

Thank you for taking the time to complete Section 2 and for supporting our program. More information about Georgia Girls State is available at <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>.

1. Complete Section 2.
2. Verify the information requested in the 4 bullets.
3. Please provide the name and address of the High School.
4. If students are ranked, please provide ranking.
5. Provide the projected graduation date.
6. Sign and date the application.

TO THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT

1. Complete Section 3. Please provide your contact telephone number and if possible an e-mail address.
2. It is the responsibility of the Sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit to verify all information on this form and that the information can be read. **Incomplete applications will be returned.**
3. Reservations (\$200.00 per girl) must reach the Department headquarters, by **April 20th**. Applications should be sent to the director, Deedy Harrell, no later than **May 11th**.
4. Make sure the girl attaches a current photo for identification purposes.
5. Make a copy for your records and forward the **completed application, completed Medical Form and Consent form, copy of insurance card, and Parent Waiver to:**
Deedy Harrell
800 10th Avenue
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169.

Additional copies may be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA GIRLS STATE

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, STATESBORO, GEORGIA

INFORMATION ABOUT GEORGIA GIRLS STATE June 10 – 15, 2012

WEB: More information is available at www.georgiagirlsstate.org, please refer to it for more information and necessary forms.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE?

- It is a National program of the American Legion Auxiliary and is a course of instruction in, as well as, a practical application of, the fundamental principles and procedures of city, county and state government under the American system.
- A session, usually lasting five days, is conducted by each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, with the top-ranking high school girls as citizens.
- Under the guidance of skilled counselors and other staff members who are leading citizens, these girls learn and then practice through self-government, the duties, responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship.
- GEORGIA GIRLS STATE is sponsored, as it has been since 1940, by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Georgia with local Auxiliary units and interested civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations cooperating.
- From the time they arrive, until they leave for home the citizens will get regular “sessions” of instruction in practical application of government and citizenships.
- These instruction sessions, conducted by the Government Instructor and the Girls State staff will include the principles and procedures of city, county and state government.
- Using the know-how gained from these classes, the citizens will organize and operate their own city, county and state governments.
- Emphasis will be placed on letting the girls govern themselves, under the constant guidance of the staff members. Upon arrival in Statesboro, the citizens will be assigned to 12 cities and 4 counties, to form the mythical 51st State of Girls State.
- Early in the week, each city will elect officials, who will operate the city government during the week.
- Later, each county will elect county officials. There will be appointed officials at all levels of government.
- Each girl will be assigned to a party (Nationalist or Federalist) and either to the Girls State House or Senate.
- Prior to Girls State, each citizen is encouraged to write a bill for debate in the House and Senate. If a bill is submitted, girls are required to bring 375 copies of their bill to turn in Sunday during registration.
- A State General Election will take place, in which the Girls State Governor and other State Officials will be elected.
- At Registration each citizen will be required to pay a state tax of \$10.00. This will not be refunded, but it will provide the girls with a \$5.00 Cantina card to purchase items in our Girls State Store and a Yearbook to be mailed to each girl after the session is complete.
- **This fee of \$200.00 is paid by the Auxiliary Units.** The fee shall not be paid by citizens, parents or any family member of a citizen. **The Auxiliary Units raise the fees through donations, fund raisers and various other sources.**

MEDICAL CARE:

- Prior to applying to Girls State, every applicant will receive a Medical Form, determining whether or not this citizen is physically qualified to participate fully in the Program. **The Medical History Form and Consent form with copy of insurance card, and parent waiver must be submitted with the application to the Director of Georgia Girls State, Deedy Harrell**
- Infirmary facilities and medical personnel will be provided throughout the week, to render any needed medical attention to citizens and staff members.

INFORMATION PACKETS:

- **Once the girls’ applications have been received, an information packet will be mailed to each girl.**
- This packet includes Urgent Information, complete instructions on rules and regulations, general information, what to bring from home and other facts which citizens should know before leaving home for

Girls State, GSU Waiver, Key Agreement, Scholarship Information, information for writing House and Senate Bills and the Girls State Pledge. The packets may be downloaded from the Girls State website at <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/forms.htm>. (These Must Be Turned In During Registration On Sunday.)

- If you Have Not Received your Packet by May 16th, Please Contact Us At The Numbers Or The Email Addresses Listed Below.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:

- Citizens must report to Kennedy Hall on the campus of Georgia Southern University between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 and they will depart on Friday, June 15 at 1:00 PM.
- **LUNCH will NOT** be provided on **Sunday**; arrangements must be made prior to arriving at Girls State.
- **Once the citizen has registered, they are not allowed to leave to eat lunch. Make sure you have eaten lunch before arriving on campus.**
- Inauguration and Graduation will be June 15, 2012 at 8:45 AM. Doors open for guests at 8:15.
- The sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit is responsible for providing transportation to Girls State and back home.

HOUSING AND MEALS:

- All citizens and staff members will be housed in the dormitories on the campus of Georgia Southern University, and the meals will be served in the cafeteria.
- Complete instructions on rules and regulations, general information, what to bring from home and other facts which you should know before leaving home for Girls State **Will Be Sent via US Mail to each Participant as soon as the Application is received by the Girls State director from the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit.**

OTHER INFORMATION

- **NO citizen will be permitted to leave the area designated for Girls State on the campus of Georgia Southern without the permission of the Girls State Director and only in the case of emergency.**
- **No visitors are allowed during the week. Guests MAY attend the graduation on Friday morning.**
- **All citizens will be required to comply with all rules of conduct and general discipline by the Girls State Staff and Counselors. This includes showing respect to all staff members and fellow citizens.**
- **Only an extreme emergency will be accepted as a reason for leaving Girls State before the end of the session.**

GIRLS STATE TAX

- Girls State will collect a \$10.00 State tax from each citizen. We will accept cash or checks made out to Georgia Girls State. Citizens will receive a Cantina card for \$5.00 for purchasing items including snacks, at the Cantina. Additional cards will be sold throughout the week for \$5.00. There will be no refunds. Girls are allowed to shop during free time. We have Girls State items available for purchase also. You may want to bring extra money from home to buy Girls State items and snacks. The remaining \$5.00 of the tax will be used for the Georgia Girls State Yearbook.
- The American Legion Auxiliary Unit may include this tax with your initial fee by sending \$210.00 instead of \$200.00 and a record will be kept for the girls you sponsor that the tax has been paid by the unit.

ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE TO:

- The Director, Deedy Harrell, 800 E. 10th Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169, 770-337-7997 or gagirlst@bellsouth.net or
- The Assistant Director, Nini Lynch at: ninifrog@comcast.net Home 770-479-0354, or Cell 770-366-6730.

GIRLS NATION:

- Two outstanding citizens of the American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State session will be selected by delegates and staff to attend Girls Nation.
- The Girls Nation session will be held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD, July 20 - 28, 2012.
- All expenses of the two citizens will be paid from the Girls State Fund.

Georgia Girls State Medical History

2012 Citizen Medical History and Treatment Consent Form

Name _____ Birth Date _____
Address _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
Home or Work Phone _____ Cell Phone(s) _____

To be filled out by the parents of the applicant: You do not have to see a doctor for an exam.

Has she had any serious illness? _____

Is she being treated by a doctor for any chronic health conditions? If so, please explain: _____

Please list any Allergies your child has _____

Please list ALL prescription or over the counter medications or herbal supplements that your child takes on a regular basis. _____

Please have all medications, along with a list of the medications, IN HAND at registration for review by the Girls State nurse.

Any other special accommodations that your child requires: _____

Restrictions:

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

Release to Treat for Illness or Injury:

As Parent or Guardian of: _____

I Hereby Authorize Medical Treatment to be administered while she is attending Georgia Girls State.

Father's Work # _____ Mother's Work # _____

Father's Home # _____ Mother's Home # _____

The Georgia Girls State nurse has permission to administer Over-the-Counter medications to my daughter. YES _____ NO _____

Exceptions: _____

Date _____

Parent or Guardian's signature

To: Parents or Guardian

Every precaution is taken to avoid accidents and sickness at Georgia Girls State. Participants who do not already have group accident, sickness medical insurance coverage, are insured under a group policy. The group policy is Excess Coverage to any other Valid and Collectable Insurance Plan. If your daughter is covered under a group plan, please list the insurance information below:

Name of Insurance Comp _____

Group Name _____ Group Number _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check if not insured

If insured, attach a copy of the back and front of her insurance card.

Georgia Girls State Parent Waiver

The undersigned, parents (or guardian) of _____

in consideration of instruction and training to be given to her as a citizen of GEORGIA GIRLS STATE, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, INC. TO BE HELD AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN STATESBORO, GA. ON THE DATES OF JUNE 10 - 15, 2012, do hereby give consent for her to participate fully in all planned activities of Girls State.

We hereby release and discharge THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, INC., its Officers, Agents, Instructors and Employees, from all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions or causes of action which we may, can or shall have by any reason of illness, injury or accident incurred or suffered by _____ while in attendance at said Girls State, no matter how caused or occasioned.

Does your daughter have any physical or emotional condition, or is she taking any medication (prescribed) that girls state should be aware of? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, explain: _____

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

To be signed (after reading completely) by girl's parents or guardian and must be sent to the Girls State Director.

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THE WAIVER AND CONSENT FORM.

Submit completed Application, Medical History Form, copy of insurance card (if insured,) and Parent Waiver to

Deedy Harrell, 800 E. 10th Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169