

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
Georgia Girls State

Bulletin # 1

November 2021

Georgia Girls State will be held in Valdosta, Georgia at Valdosta State University
June 12-17, 2022

QUALIFICATIONS: Interest in government, leadership, citizenship, honesty, scholarship, character, and completion of their junior year in high school.

ORIENTATION: Orientation should be a part of your Girls State plan so that the girls and their parents understand in advance what to expect upon arrival. Please call on a staff member or former citizen in your area to help with your orientation if help is needed.

PUBLICITY: Unit chairmen, be sure to contact local media for coverage as soon as your delegates have been selected. Many newspapers are willing to publish pictures and short articles about the program. Invite delegates to a unit meeting after the session to report to the unit.

****FEE:** Checks must be made out to Girls State and mailed to the Department Headquarters. **Send the fee of \$300.00** per girl to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters, 3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 **before April 20, 2022** to assure space for your girls. Call the director for late payments of fees. Please do not hold the fees to make sure the girl plans to attend. Please DO NOT hold your unit check to make sure your girls are attending. This really hurts our program. Any money that is sent in helps Georgia Girls State even if your girls doesn't attend. If your girl backs out at the last minute, there are other worthy girls that the money can cover. It can also be a donation to the program to help cover other costs. We have expenses to pay before the session begins, so please do not hold the fees. Parents nor family members should not pay the fee for their daughter.

DISTRICTS: Each district is to elect a counselor and pay \$300.00 counselor fee. Please notify the director upon the election and have the counselor send the director a resume. Even if your district doesn't elect a counselor, the fee is still to be paid. I need counselors: Please contact me if interested!!

APPLICATIONS: The 2022 online application will be available on the website on February 21, 2022. UNITS must open an account and enter girls' names and email addresses into the system. Also, the school name and email address of the High School counselor in charge of the student must be entered. The girls and the school counselor will then receive an email with a link to the application and a password so that they can go to the online application and complete it. The parent waiver and medical history will be done on line; the parent uses the same user name which is the girls' email address and password as the girl. Please make sure the girls use a personal email address like yahoo or gmail. The emails that are issued by the school for a student sometimes do not allow them to open a link.

OPENING AN ACCOUNT: www.georgiagirlsstate.org You should use a 3 digit user name which is your unit number. For single or double digit unit numbers, you must put zeros in front so that it has 3 digits. For example, Unit 6 would have a user name of 006. Please make your password simple. Do not open multiple accounts. If something goes wrong when opening your account, we can solve the problem. I will answer my phone if you call or call you back asap if you leave a message or if you send me a text. Please do not tell schools, parents, or students to open an account.

WEBSITE: www.georgiagirlsstate.org Find information and all documents needed for girls' packets.

EMAIL: Georgia Girls State email: georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com for the director,

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PHONE number: Deedy 770-337-7997 Call or text Or the Assistant Director, Gabriele Barnett: Cell 706-951-3906 (call or text) or email: barnettgabriele@hotmail.com Application manager: Cynthia Orms: (478) 232-4831

APRIL 20, 2022 Checks for \$300.00 per girl due to the Department

Headquarters.

May 10, 2022 Complete online applications

June 12, 2022 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM

June 17, 2022 Graduation at 8:45 AM and departure by 1:00 PM

Delays cause your girls to have difficulty in getting prepared for the program. If you find out that a girl is not coming after completing an application, please let us know. We make phone calls to all no shows and it will help us if we can limit the number of calls necessary. Let us know even up the last day. **Please join the Girls State Booster Club!!** Call Pat Morgan (229)561-4070 for details.

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