

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia  
Georgia Girls State

Georgia Girls State Bulletin

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**Georgia Girls State will be held in** Valdosta, Georgia at Valdosta State University June 8-13, 2025

**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 Georgia Girls State and mailed to the Department Headquarters. **Send the fee of \$350.00** per girl to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters, 3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 **before April 20, 2025** to assure space for your girls. Call the director for late payments of fees. Please **DO NOT** hold your unit check for fees just to make sure your girls are attending before paying. This really hurts our program. Any money that is sent in helps Georgia Girls State even if your girls don't attend. No money is paid to the University until after Girls State. We only pay for those attending. 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 a \$350.00 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 2025 online application will be available on the website on March 1, 2025. The applications will be entered by the tech staff. The pre-applications will be filled out online so there's no printing and filling out the document. Either the student or the Unit Girls State Representative can fill it out online. This will alleviate many mistakes and eliminate problems with illegible handwriting. Please make sure the information is input correctly. Keep a copy of your girls' contact information for future correspondence with the girls.

**WEBSITE:** [www.georgiagirlsstate.org](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org) Find information and all documents needed for girls' packets.

**EMAIL:** Georgia Girls State email: [georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com](mailto:georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com) for the director, Deedy Harrell

**PHONE number:** Deedy 770-337-7997 Call or text; the Assistant Director, Gabriele Barnett: Cell 706-951-3906 (call or text) or email: [barnettgabriele@hotmail.com](mailto:barnettgabriele@hotmail.com) Application manager: Cynthia Orms: (478) 232-4831  
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**APRIL 20, 2025 Checks for \$350.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters.**

**May 10, 2025** Complete online applications

**June 8, 2025 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM**

**June 13, 2025 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 attending 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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