

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
Georgia Girls State

Bulletin # 1

November 2023

Georgia Girls State will be held in Valdosta, Georgia at Valdosta State University June 9-14, 2024

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, 2024** 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 \$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 2024 online application will be available on the website on March 1, 2024

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

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

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, 2024 Checks for \$350.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters.

May 10, 2024 Complete online applications

June 9, 2024 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM

June 14, 2024 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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