



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2024 session of ALA Louisiana Girls State will take place from Sunday, June 16, 2024 through Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. Louisiana Girls State is a program with a long history of building connections, developing leaders, and educating younger generations on the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of being an American citizen. Please visit our website or email us directly with any program-related questions.

DESCRIPTION

ALA Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program in which the American Legion Auxiliary guides young women to become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy, and patriotism. At Girls State, participants are called "citizens" who establish their own city, parish, and state government. They are assigned to a political party – "Nationalists" or "Federalists" – these parties are nonpartisan with the goal of educating through experience.

REGISTRATION

Registration is \$400 per delegate and includes meals, housing, two delegate t-shirts, laundry fees, pizza night, and a program completion pin. Only delegates who successfully complete the program are guaranteed the items included in the registration cost.

- Contact your school guidance counselor to see if your school participates. If so, they will provide you with the next steps. If you have been selected from your school, you do not need to fill out an interest form. You will receive the registration link to register for Louisiana Girls State from your school.
- If your school does not participate, is not familiar with Louisiana Girls State, or has already selected their delegates, fill out the interest form on the "Delegates" page our website, and we will review your interest as a delegate with the program upon submission.

REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should be in excellent academic standing with their school, interested in government and current events, and show strong leadership abilities. The program is open to students who are in the summer between their junior and senior year. They must have completed their junior year and not started their senior year at the time of the program.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Louisiana Girls State is a one-week leadership and citizenship training program created to educate outstanding high school students about state and local government. Delegates attending Louisiana Girls State experience governmental procedure by simulating political campaigns, elections, and the political process. They also learn about the principles of citizenship and public service from guest speakers, elected officials, expert panels, and experienced counselors.



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