

## GIRLS STATE SCRIPT

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Purpose: To provide a unique and coveted educational opportunity for young women to receive citizenship training through a weeklong hands-on program involving a mock city and state government.

### Qualifications for Florida Girl State Citizens:

Applicants should have a strong interest in the study of government. Leadership, trust, honesty and good academic standings are important and desired. Applicants must be in their junior year of high school and returning to their high school for their senior year. They must be a resident of the state of Florida and be willing to take an oath of office on the bible and salute the American flag.

### Financial Info:

All quotas-rehabilitation, education, Girl State and sock – must be paid to Department by January 31, 2015. To qualify for an over-quota delegate, your unit must be 100% in membership by January 31, 2015.

1. Registration fee for 2015 is 300.00 per delegate (this includes two (2) polo shirts per delegate)
2. Transportation expenses are determined by the District Chairman.
3. Spending money is determined by the Unit.

### 2014 Girls State Chairman's Guide:

Please see the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida website [www.alafl.org](http://www.alafl.org) under Girls State to access. The guide is no longer sent with the Plan of Action. A paper copy will be available upon request.

### Unit Girl State Chairman October-December

Inform your local school or school districts about your Girl State program including the benefits of the program and eligibility requirements.

Enlist the help of former Girls State citizens to recruit candidates from their high schools.

Reach out to schools that have no active units in their communities. Include Magnet schools, private schools and home-schooled students. You may have your schools recommend your students to interview, this is your program you choose your delegates. Just ask your schools to send you the cream of the crop.

Schedule time for your 2014 Girl Stater to come and share their experiences with your Unit. They enjoy knowing that their money was well spent.

### Important Dates:

November

Registration paperwork shall be mailed to Unit

1/31/2015 Deadline to qualify for over-quota delegate

02/01/2015 Completed registration form and registration fee (300.00 per delegate) must be received at Dept. Headquarters. Check made out to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida.

Do not interview and/or select delegates until you have your online Application in hand. When your Unit is mailed their Online Application the new card will be 5.5" by 4.25 card, with instructions for the selected girls to complete an online application, will be mailed to your unit. The card will include the website address, a unique user name and password for each approved delegate and alternate selected for your unit. Girls will then complete their application online. Once the online application is complete, an email will be sent to Department and forwarded to the Unit so they are aware that the application has been completed. There will be no paper applications. You will receive only an instruction card for each girl to complete the online application.

03/12/2015 Delegates and alternates completed applications are due to Department Headquarters.

Please make sure you stay in contact with your delegates. Call delegates and alternates to check their status, please make sure your delegates and alternates go to an orientation in your District or in or in another District if they can't make the one in your area.

Make sure your delegates haven't changed their minds.

See the Girls off at the Bus stop and wish them well.

Don't forget to give your delegates a little spending money.

We like to see the girl in the Girls State Store.

ALWAYS REMEMBER GIRLS STATE IS GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Girls State Dates: 07/09/2015-07/17/2015 This is the 69<sup>th</sup> Girls State Session

Delegates arrive between 1:00pm- 3:00pm

Mid-year Report please submit a narrative to this chairman by Dec 1, 2014, let us know how your unit worked your Girls State Program, raising funds, raffles, and dinners your unit may have had to earn the money to send your Girl Stater. Remember this is your program brag about what your unit does for our programs.

There is a year-end report please fill out and submit to your District Chairman. Due April 15, 2015, Reports due to department chairmen May 1, 2015.

Girls State Awards

Amelia M Reese Trophy:

Information in American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guide All units due to Department Chairman 30 days prior convention.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COME TO GIRLS STATE IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER 12 DAYS OF YOUR TIME PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION INTO DEPARTMENT THIS WILL BE THE GREATEST TIME IN YOUR LIFE SO IF YOU HAVE A FEW DAYS YOU CAN GIVE PLEASE COME GIRLS STATE NEEDS YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!