



ALA FLORIDA GIRLS STATE

2022-2023 SESSION

#COLOR ME THERE

JUNE 22 - 30, 2023

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, County and State Government.

QUALIFICATIONS for ALA Girls State:

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, be willing to take an oath of office on the Bible (or the Book of their Faith) and salute the American flag.

FINANCIAL Information:

ALA Girls State Unit Registration = Completed Registration forms for the 2023 Session of Florida ALA Girls State Program are due to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida NO Later than **January 31, 2023**.

The non-refundable Registration fee is \$400.00 per Delegate. Should your Delegate be unable to attend, as Alternate will be sent in her place. PLEASE NOTE: Unit Obligations Must be paid and Unit Must be at Charter Strength (10 paid Senior

members) to register for ALA Girls State. Unit Obligation fees cannot be included with the regular Registration fees.

**DO NOT INTERVIEW OR SELECT A DELEGATE
UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A NUMBERED APPLICATION
FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM
FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.**

ALA Girls State Over-Quota Registration = All Obligations and Quotas (Rehabilitation, Education, Girls State, Sock, etc.) Must be paid to Department of Florida by **January 31, 2023**. The Over-Quota Registration fee is \$400.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Only Units who have reached the 100% goal in Membership by January 31, 2023 are entitled to apply for Over-Quota delegates. Unit Obligation and Quota fees cannot be included with the Over-Quota Registration fees.

***** Include the Following Expenses in your Unit Budget *****

1. Registration Fee for 2023 Session: \$400.00 per Delegate. This fee includes two (2) Polo-Shirts per Delegate.
2. Transportation Expense: This is determined by the District ALA Girls State Chairman.
3. Additional Funds: Any Spending Money for Girls State items or photos.

RECRUITING:

{SPECIAL FOCUS FOR ALA UNIT GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN}

1. Inform the School District and Local Schools about the ALA Girls State Program. Include the Benefits of the program and Eligibility Requirements. Distribute information and applications to schools. Check the Department ALA Girls State website for resources.
2. Enlist the help of the former ALA Girls State Citizens to recruit the candidates from their high schools.

3. Reach out to schools that have no active Units in their communities. Include Magnet schools, Private schools and Home-schooled students.
4. IF there are other Units in your area, PLEASE CHECK to see which schools they recruit from so you are not recruiting from the same schools.
5. Review Department of Florida Unit Guide for additional Girls State Eligibility and Method of Selection for Girls State Candidates.
6. DISTRICT CHAIRMAN: Please assist and coordinate Units to combine efforts of recruiting and interviewing candidates within the District. Our Communication is Key ~ Be a Team working Together ~ Guaranteed Fun and Successful Session!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

First Week in November 2022 Registration Paperwork Mailed to Units.

JAN 31, 2023 Completed Registration forms and Registration fee (\$400.00 per Delegate) MUST be received at Florida Department Headquarters. Check made payable to ALA Dept. of Florida.

JAN 31, 2023 Deadline to Qualify for Over-Quota Registration. Qualifications and fees (\$400.00 per Delegate) MUST be received at Florida Department Headquarters by deadline date. Check made payable to ALA Dept. of Florida.

APR 3, 2023 Delegates and Alternates On-Line Registration MUST be completed and confirmed by Department Headquarters.

MAY 21, 2023 ALL Orientations MUST be Completed!

***** District Orientation Sign-In Sheets MUST be turned in to Department within 7 days after Orientation! *****

ALA GIRLS STATE REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Units will mail the \$400.00 Registration fee for each Delegate to Department. The Unit will receive an instruction card for EACH Delegate and Alternate to complete the On-Line Registration. The card will include the

Website Address, a unique Username and Password for each approved Delegate and Alternate selectee for the Unit.

***** Unit MUST send Delegate and Alternate Name and Contact Information (personal email Not school email) to Department Secretary upon Selection. *****

When the On-Line Registration is submitted, an email(s) will be sent to the Unit Chairman so the Unit is aware of the Registration status. A confirmation email will be sent once the Registration process has been completed and ALL original required forms received. **There will be NO paper Applications.**

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES REGISTRATION:

Again this year, the process for the Delegates and Alternates to Register is being done on the Website. There are forms that will be Completed and Uploaded to the Website. Some forms may require to be Signed, Notarized and Mailed to Department Headquarters.

MAKE SURE THE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS AS STIPULATED!

The Deadline for Registration will be **Monday, April 3, 2023**. As the Delegates and Alternates Register and Complete their entire process, Department will let the Unit know of the status.

ALL Orientations will be completed by **Sunday, May 21, 2023**. ALL Delegates and Alternates are Required to Attend a Mandatory Orientation in their District or another scheduled Orientation. Parents and/or Guardian **MUST** attend an Orientation in order for the Girls to attend Girls State. {Check Orientation schedule for times and locations: www.alafl.org.} Call All Delegates to confirm attendance and review travel arrangements. Confirm continued availability of All Alternates. IF a Delegate fails to attend the Orientation, that Delegate will be Removed from the Program and an Alternate who has attended the Orientation will be sent in her place. PLEASE Encourage Alternates to Complete the Requirements for Girls State so they are Ready in the event they are called upon to be a Delegate!

The 77th Session of the ALA Department of Florida Girls State is Thursday, June 22, 2023 through Friday, June 30, 2023. Delegates will arrive on June 22nd between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Our Staff (all Volunteers) will start arriving on Monday, June 19th.

REPORTING:

GRREAT NEWS!! NO Mid-Year Report is due. However, I would Love to hear how the Unit and/or District is doing with preparations for the 77th Session. A quick Phone call, short Email or jotted Text message will be Truly Appreciated!!

The Unit Chairman Year-End Report Must be completed and submitted to District Chairman by **April 1, 2023**. District Chairmen, please complete and submit your District Chairman Year-End Report NO Later than **April 15, 2023** to the Department Chairman.

GIRLS STATE AWARD:

Theresa Mathews Briggs Trophy

A Narrative is required by the Unit whose Girls State Citizen(s) participates in the Unit's overall programming upon returning from ALA FL Girls State. All entries must be typed, using double-space. **See the ALA Department of Florida Unit Guide for Complete Rules.**

The Title Page Must include Number of Girls sent to Tallahassee, Unit Name and Number, Membership and Girls State Chairman's Name and Address. All entries must be sent to the Department Girls State Chairman NO Later than 30 days Prior to Department Convention.

ALA UNIT GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP:

The Cindy Burroughs Girls State Scholarship

ALA Department of Florida offers an opportunity for a Unit Girls State Scholarship – The Cindy Burroughs Girls State Scholarship. This scholarship was established in 2009 in Memory of Cindy Burroughs. The scholarship allows a Unit without the financial means necessary to apply to send girls to the ALA Florida Girls State Session. Additional information is available upon inquiry from the ALA Department of Florida Headquarters.

CHAIRMAN'S SPECIAL FUNDRAISER:

There will be a special fundraising project for Girls State. Tickets sales will commence at Fall Conference, November 2022. Tickets will be \$5.00 each, no maximum. The winner will receive 3-nights stay at Department Convention June 2023 {HILTON - Disney LBV}, paid registration for Convention {Auxiliary, Legion, or Sons} and 2 tickets for the Commander/President's Banquet. Winner will be drawn Saturday, March 18, 2023 on Madam President's birthday during her visit at the 6th District.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Please see the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida website {www.alafl.org} under Girls State Program to access additional information. Also see the Unit Guide, the ALA National Supplement to the Program Action Plan and the ALA National Girls State Program Operations Guide {www.legion-aux.org}.

ALA FL GIRLS STATE IS GGRREATT!!

Watch as we Continue Our Legacy Of Respect
Through our Amazing Girls State Citizens and
With our Awesome Delegates –

"FORWARD FOREVER, BACKWARD NEVER,
WITHIN OURSELVES, OUR FUTURE LIES"

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