

NATS & FEDS

Political party assignments are made for the Girls State delegates. Those parties are: Nationalist and Federalist. Twelve staff members serve as Advisors to 25 delegates, comprising cities. The citizens of each city hold elections to select their city government. Two cities form a county out of which Senators, Representatives and Lobbyists are elected. The Nationalists and Federalists adopt party platforms, have pep rallies and hold nominations for state government.

GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

The citizens of Girls State elect their own Governor, Cabinet and other officials. The State officials write bills, debate bills, committee appointments are made; just like the real Florida Government.

When available, the State Capitol Senate Chambers and the House of Representatives Chambers are utilized to hold sessions. Imagine the thrill of sitting in a Senator's chair, using the voting machine to approve and disapprove a bill, just being in the Capitol, is exciting and adds an important touch of reality to our sessions.

GIRLS STATE IS GREAT!

IS GIRLS STATE FOR YOU?

Girls State citizens are selected by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Some of the qualities Girls State citizens possess are; an interest in government, strong leadership ability, excellent character, honesty, good scholastic standing, cooperativeness, community participation and service.

GIRLS STATE IS GREAT! WE KNOW IT, AND WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHY.

ARE YOU READY?

Are you ready for an intense week of government study? What about the boyfriend...will he wait for you? Are you interested in running for office and learning how city, county and state governments function? Can you give your best to insure the maximum benefit for yourself?

SINCE 1947

The American Legion Auxiliary has sponsored Girls State since its inception in 1947. We are looking for young women to govern the State of Seminole.

Is that you?

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE



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June 22 – June 30, 2023

GIRLS STATE MOTTO

**“FORWARD, FOREVER,
BACKWARD NEVER, WITHIN
OURSELVES OUR FUTURE LIES”**

GIRLS STATE IS GREAT!

Girls State is practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. The entire program is a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian attempt to teach and inculcate in the young women of American a love of God and country. With its inception brought a new form of training in government processes for young women who will compose a large percentage of our citizenry tomorrow. Girls State was organized as a national Americanism activity of the American Legion Auxiliary in 1947; to inspire and develop interest in the study of government, foster civic leadership, but most of all, to stimulate a desire to protect the privileges and responsibilities of our democratic form of government. Outstanding high school girls attend Girls State each year, Nationally about 20,000 young women attend yearly. Florida has 300 each year.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Girls State is to provide citizenship training for young women completing their junior year of high school within the State of Florida; to afford them the opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens; and to inform them of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship in order that they may understand and participate in the functioning of their government. Florida Girls State was first held in 1947 and is currently attended by 300 young women who have the opportunity of experiencing our democratic form of government by assuming the roles of city and state officials or legislators. Through these experiences young women learn of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship which distinguishes our form of government.

SPONSORSHIP

Delegates for Florida Girls State are selected by local units of the American Legion Auxiliary. All registrations fees are the responsibility of the local unit. Fees are not allowed to be paid by an attendee's family.

WHO STAFFS IT?

The staff of Florida Girls State consists of American Legion Auxiliary members who volunteer their time to insure the success of the program. Our security is provided by female Troopers of the Florida Highway Patrol.

ELIGIBILITY

Students attending a Florida High School or enrolled in a Florida Home School program who have completed their junior year and are planning to attend their high school for their senior year, who are residents of the State of Florida, may apply for admission to Florida Girls State.

Any student registered as a full-time student of Florida Virtual School are not eligible to apply for the program.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Samsung Scholarship Program should be emphasized. Encourage your delegates to fill out the application if they are eligible. This scholarship is only for those delegates whose parents, grandparent or great grandparent were veterans who served during a period of war.

WHERE IS IT HELD?

The American Legion Auxiliary, Florida Girls State program is held on the campus of Florida State University in Tallahassee. Citizens and staff re-side in a dorm on campus.

HOW DO I ATTEND THE CHURCH OF MY CHOICE?

Due to the diversity of the 300 attendees, we are unable to accommodate individual requests to attend a church of your choice during your time at Girls State. All attendees are required to remain with the program at all times. A non-denominational program is designed and performed by the delegates on Sunday morning.

GIRLS NATION

Girls Nation is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and held in Washington D.C. each July. Two delegates of Florida Girls State will be chosen to attend Girls Nation. During Girls Nation, attendees will have the opportunity to study federal government, meet national government official and visit places of historical interest in our Nation's Capital.

FLORIDA GIRLS STATE OATH

For God and Country, as a citizen of Florida Girls State, I promise; to give unselfish and constructive cooperation; to share with others the benefits of my experience at Florida Girls State; to participate in the government of my community, state and nation upon reaching my majority; and above all, to constantly exemplify the highest type of Americanism. Oath taken on the Book of their Faith.