

# Florida American Legion Auxiliary Florida Girls State FSU Scholarship 2025

A four-year scholarship at Florida State University.

## Scholarship

Florida State University offers a Girls State Scholarship in recognition of outstanding leadership at the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program in Tallahassee.

There are two (2) scholarships awarded for \$4,800.00 each (\$1,200 per year, \$600.00 each semester).

The scholarship can only be used at Florida State University.

## Criteria for Scholarship

It is only through the cooperative efforts of Florida State University and the American Legion Auxiliary that these scholarships are made possible. Criteria used to award this scholarship will be based solely on the applicant's letter of intent and, more significantly, the girl's performance and quality of participation in the Florida Girls State session. Participation and performance will be measured by active involvement in the legislative process during the week at Girls State, including running for state office.

## Application Procedure

This scholarship is available to all delegates attending the American Legion Auxiliary's Florida Girls State program in Tallahassee, FL. Delegates interested in making themselves eligible must:

- Complete the *Authorization of Intent* form.
- Attach a one-page letter explaining: "How this scholarship will help me achieve my academic goals."

This statement should include a brief description of the student's academic plans and how they will relate to future career choices. Any unique challenges or circumstances relevant to the pursuit of those academic goals would be well worth noting.

The one-page typed statement must be attached to the *Authorization of Intent* form and **turned in at Florida Girls State Registration on June 19, 2025**.

Florida American Legion Auxiliary  
Florida Girls State  
FSU Scholarship  
**Authorization of Intent**

Must be submitted at Florida Girls State check-in Tallahassee

Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Make sure you attach your one-page statement on “How this scholarship will help me achieve my academic goals.”**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
FLORIDA GIRLS STATE**  
***Government Questionnaire - 2025***  
(Type or Print)

You are about to take part in a program designed to build good citizenship and increase your knowledge of Government. You will learn about your state and local governments at Florida Girls State, but the knowledge you gain by completing this questionnaire will be an essential step to being successful during your time at Girls State.

You are encouraged to visit your local city and county officials, tell them you have been selected to be a citizens of Florida Girls State, and let them know that you wish to interview them about their position. Given them plenty of notice so that you have a better chance of fitting in with their busy schedule.

The Government Questionnaire attached has been designed to help you record the knowledge gained from the classes you have taken at school and the interviews you conduct with your local officials **PRIOR TO COMING TO GIRLS STATE.**

Completion of this questionnaire is mandatory. If you do not fully complete this questionnaire, you will not be able to register upon arrival at Girls State. You will submit the Government Questionnaire to your City Advisor in order to receive your voting credentials at Girls State. Please have this completed document in hand when you board the bus to Tallahassee.

**GOVERNMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name (*First & Last*)

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Address

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Sponsoring Unit# \_\_\_\_\_ Girls State Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

1. When and where will you register to vote?

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**CITY GOVERNMENT**

2. Select two(2) city officials you are interested in and list the duties of the officials who hold these offices in your city or a city near you.

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Explain the difference between a Council-Manager form of government and the Strong Mayor-Council form of government.

a. Council-Manager  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Strong Mayor-Council  
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4. How are funds generated to conduct the business of a city? (Build or repair roads, maintain city parks, etc.)

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**COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

5. What form of Government does your County have?

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6. Select one of your County officials and interview him/her using the questions below:

Name of the official interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

A. What are the duties of their office?

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B. What are their goals when they ran for office?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Have they accomplished these goals?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. What advice would they give someone running for public office?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Describe each of the Courts listed below:

A. County/Small Claims Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Circuit Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Federal Court

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8. Explain the procedure for drafting a county budget. Where do the funds come from for the budget?

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## **STATE GOVERNMENT**

9. Explain the differences between “Bicameral” and “Unicameral” Legislature and give an example of each:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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10. How long is a Legislative Session: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Under what conditions can a Special Session be called? How often?

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12. What is the term of office for each of the following:

Governor \_\_\_\_\_  
Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
Cabinet Member \_\_\_\_\_

13. Why are terms of each office limited? Do you agree or disagree with this limitation of terms?

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14. Select an elected official at the state level and explain his/her term of office and major duties. What are the qualifications for this office?

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15. How and for what reasons can an elected official be removed from office?

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### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

16. What Congressional District do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Name the two (2) United States Senators from your District:

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Name all of the Representatives from your District:

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
e. \_\_\_\_\_  
f. \_\_\_\_\_

### **WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT**

19. Interview a woman in government, either elected or appointed. Interview questions might include the following, but should not be limited to:

A. Why did you choose this position?

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B. Were concessions made during the campaign or selection process because you are a woman?

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C. What advice can you give a young woman seeking a government position?

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**Please read the blue Legislative Organization and Procedure Handbook included in this packet and answer questions 20 through 31.**

20. Name the elected and appointed positions in the Senate and the House of Representatives used by Florida Girls State in the State of Seminole. Give the duties of each.

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21. Name the six (6) Legislative Committees:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

22. Who may attend a Committee meeting?

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23. Who may speak in a Committee meeting?

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24. Who may vote in a Committee meeting?

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25. Explain the procedure for reading bills. What is the purpose of each reading?

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26. Name and describe the forms an amendment may take.

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27. What is the purpose of using Parliamentary Procedure in conducting a meeting?

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28. Name the motions, which do not require a second.

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29. Which motions are not debatable?

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30. When can a motion interrupt a speaker?

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31. Name the motions, which can be amended.

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32. Write a motion you might make as a mentor.

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33. Define the following terms?

a. Previous Question:

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b. Lay on Table:

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c. Second:

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34. Prepare a Bill (sample bill and form included in your Packet), a Joint Resolution, or a Memorial to be considered at Florida Girls State for the Legislative Session.



# The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Application

**MUST be submitted ONLINE 2025**

**<http://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>**

**Once submitted, please print and bring a copy to Girls State registration.**

**No original applications will be accepted on site.**

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion in 1996. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the principal amount. In 2015, ten \$20,000 scholarships and eighty eight \$852 scholarships were awarded. To date, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship has awarded more than \$5.2 million to nearly 1,800 applicants.

## Eligibility

Scholarship applications are restricted to high school juniors who attend the current session of either The American Legion Boys State or Auxiliary Girls State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership. Samsung scholarships are for undergraduate study only and may be used for tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community activities, community service and financial need. Applicants who are direct descendants of Korean War veterans will receive special consideration.

## Deadline

Scholarships are due no later than a participant's arrival at American Legion Auxiliary FL Girls State; **June 19,2025. Scholarship winners are announced by the American Legion National Office, usually in October.**

For more information:

[scholarships@legion.org](mailto:scholarships@legion.org)