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Dear ALA MGS 2026 Citizen:

Congratulations on your selection as a citizen to the 2026 session of American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Missouri Girls State (MGS). We look forward to welcoming you to this year's session for a truly unforgettable week. As many have said in the past, the memories you make at ALA MGS will be with you forever. Additionally, we hope that you use this experience to equip you in your future studies and careers. ALA Missouri Girls State will be held on the campus of Lindenwood University in St. Charles from Saturday, June 20 to Saturday, June 27, 2026.

The 2026 session of American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State will hold many exciting opportunities for all participants. The ALA MGS Committee has been working tirelessly with Lindenwood University to ensure that you have a premier experience this session, and we can't wait to share the week with you. The 2026 session of ALA Missouri Girls State will mark the program's 84th session, and the program's fifth session co-hosted with The American Legion Boys State of Missouri at Lindenwood University. While both programs have their own scheduled events and opportunities for their citizens, there will be speakers and educational opportunities that Boys State and Girls State citizens will attend together. ALA Missouri Girls State citizens and staff will have their own residential facilities, dining hall, and program functions for the duration of the program. The 2026 session of ALA Missouri Girls State will, once again, be a phenomenal experience for all involved!

Registration is from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20th in your assigned residence hall at Lindenwood University. On Friday, June 19, you will receive an email with your assigned residence hall. This will allow you to check in at your specific residence hall. We will also be able to assist you upon arrival if you do not know your assignment.

We would like all citizens to be registered and moved into their residence hall by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20 so the program can begin on time. The ALA Missouri Girls State program will assign a preferred window of time for arrival at registration to accommodate the volume of individuals checking in at one time. Please try your best to arrive during your assigned time window, but if it is not possible, do not feel like you can't come! This is ***your* ALA Missouri Girls State**, and we want everyone to arrive safely. If you cannot arrive by 3:30 p.m., call the ALA MGS program at **628-252-6471**. When possible, please limit the number of people that you bring with you to registration in the residence hall to one parent/guardian per ALA MGS citizen.

Two (2) or three (3) hours of political science college credit will be offered by Lindenwood University to all ALA MGS citizens who successfully complete the week. One of the University's requirements is participation from Saturday's first meeting to the following Saturday's last assembly/city meeting. This is one of the reasons that all citizens must attend the ***entire*** session to be eligible for completion of the program **and** college credit.

To ensure that all citizens and alternates receive the same information prior to attending ALA MGS 2026, ***all citizens and alternates are required to attend an orientation about the program.*** In our program's Code of Conduct, which you acknowledged upon applying for ALA Missouri Girls State, we note the requirement of completing an orientation prior to June 10, 2026, to attend our program. **Any citizen who has not completed the orientation process prior to June 10th will forfeit the opportunity to attend the ALA MGS program.** Your school or ALA Unit sponsor will be notified should you fail to meet this requirement.

We acknowledge that many families feel more comfortable attending an in-person orientation and have scheduled multiple orientations for this purpose. You may find all locations for these orientations in this mailing and in the ALA MGS App. We also understand that not all citizens will be able to travel to one of these face-to-face options, so

there is also an online orientation option as well. If you cannot travel to an in-person orientation, you will be required to attend one of the online options on the specified dates available to sign up in the ALA MGS app.

Finally, the **Citizen Information Packet** is ready to download from the ALA Missouri Girls State website at www.missourigirlsstate.org on the "2026 Session Info" tab. This digital packet contains a lot of information for you to review to prepare you for a successful experience at ALA MGS 2026. We recommend downloading it and beginning to review it with a parent or guardian at your earliest convenience. In addition to the Citizen Information Packet, you can find links on our website about applying for both ALA Girls Nation and the ALA Samsung Scholarship. Both opportunities require significant work that cannot be completed in the final week or two prior to the session.

Please follow our social media accounts listed below to get updates and other information prior to this year's session. We will also send weekly emails to the citizen and parent address included in your application. These emails will be sent via the iContact email service and may appear in your promotions/spam/junk folder for the first time, so please check them accordingly!

Sincerely,

ALA Missouri Girls State Committee

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