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CITIZEN INFORMATION PACKET

JUNE 20-27, 2026

Congratulations!

You have been selected as a 2026 citizen to the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Missouri Girls State. The session is held at Lindenwood University in St. Charles MO from June 20-27, 2026.

The Girls State program has been designed and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary since 1940. It is a unique learning experience for approximately 800 young women who have completed their junior year of high school.

Citizens selected by the American Legion Auxiliary and high school educators will learn about our democracy through hands-on experience. Citizens will be challenged to use initiative and imagination to create their ideal city, county, and state government.

Constructing a representative government from scratch is not easy. You will be challenged to voice your opinion, but seek compromise with your fellow citizens. Overcoming that challenge will be difficult, but that's what makes participation in ALA Missouri Girls State worthwhile.

If you get involved in the week's activities, you will leave ALA Missouri Girls State a more powerful young woman than when you arrived. You will know that you have the capability to change your school, your city, your county, your state, your country, and even the world for the better. You will have new energy and passion for your future. We look forward to watching you undergo this transformation.



Citizens must remain at ALA MGS for the entire session, which begins Saturday, June 20th, until the program's conclusion on Saturday, June 21st, at approximately 10:30 am. Students who leave ALA MGS before the last scheduled activity will not receive a certificate of completion for the program.

This means the student **cannot add ALA MGS to college applications and will not be eligible to receive college credit from Lindenwood University** because the required hours of attendance have not been met. Exceptions to this rule are considered due to emergencies, and the ALA MGS Director reserves the right to grant such exceptions. Money will not be refunded to the sponsor or contributing organization if the citizen does not complete the entire program.

If you have questions, please e-mail the ALA Missouri Girls State program at headquarters@missourigirlsstate.org.

If you cannot attend, you must contact ALA MGS Headquarters at headquarters@missourigirlsstate.org or call Director of Admissions, Megan Wilson at (628) 252-6471 as soon as possible. This will allow the ALA MGS Headquarters Staff to notify the local sponsors to allow an alternate to attend. Emailing your school counselor stating that you cannot attend **does not** notify the program. No refunds will be issued in these situations.

We look forward to meeting you and know that your stay at the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State will be an experience you will long remember!

Macaë Mickens, ALA MGS Director
Tina Anderson, Shanna Jelinek, Whitney Nolan,
Lindy Picray, Patty Pink, and Kelsey Whitt,
ALA MGS Committee Members

Congratulations from ALA Leadership!



View the letter above for congratulations from our very own American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri President **Wanda Kinder**.



View the welcome letter above from National President of American Legion Auxiliary **Pam Ray** and the National Chair of the ALA Girls Nation Committee **Jane Thurston**.





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PROGRAM COMMUNICATIONS



Communication updates will be provided to all citizens via email weekly from late April through June.

Please check your junk or spam folders for the email address “director@missourigirlsstate.org” to ensure you haven’t missed email communication.

This “ALA MGS Memo: The MO You Know” email is crucial for being prepared and updated throughout the weeks leading up to ALA MGS. Previous editions of the memo will be linked on the ALA MGS Website under [2026 Session Info](#).

ALA MISSOURI GIRLS STATE ORIENTATION

Why is Orientation Important?

Orientation provides you a quick overview of what to expect the week of ALA MGS. It is an opportunity for both you and your adult caregiver to ask any questions you may have about the week.

Is Orientation Required?

Yes! It is *required* for you to attend one session.

This can be an **in-person** orientation or **virtual** option. It is **strongly encouraged** for your adult caregiver to attend the session with you.

If a selected citizen (that's you!) does not meet the requirement of completing orientation by **June 10, 2026** you will automatically forfeit your opportunity to attend ALA Missouri Girls State.

Where is Orientation Held?

There are two options for orientation - in person or virtual. In person orientations are held across the state in an effort to provide options for most citizens to attend in close proximity to their residence. If you cannot attend an in person orientation, please review and sign up for a virtual orientation.

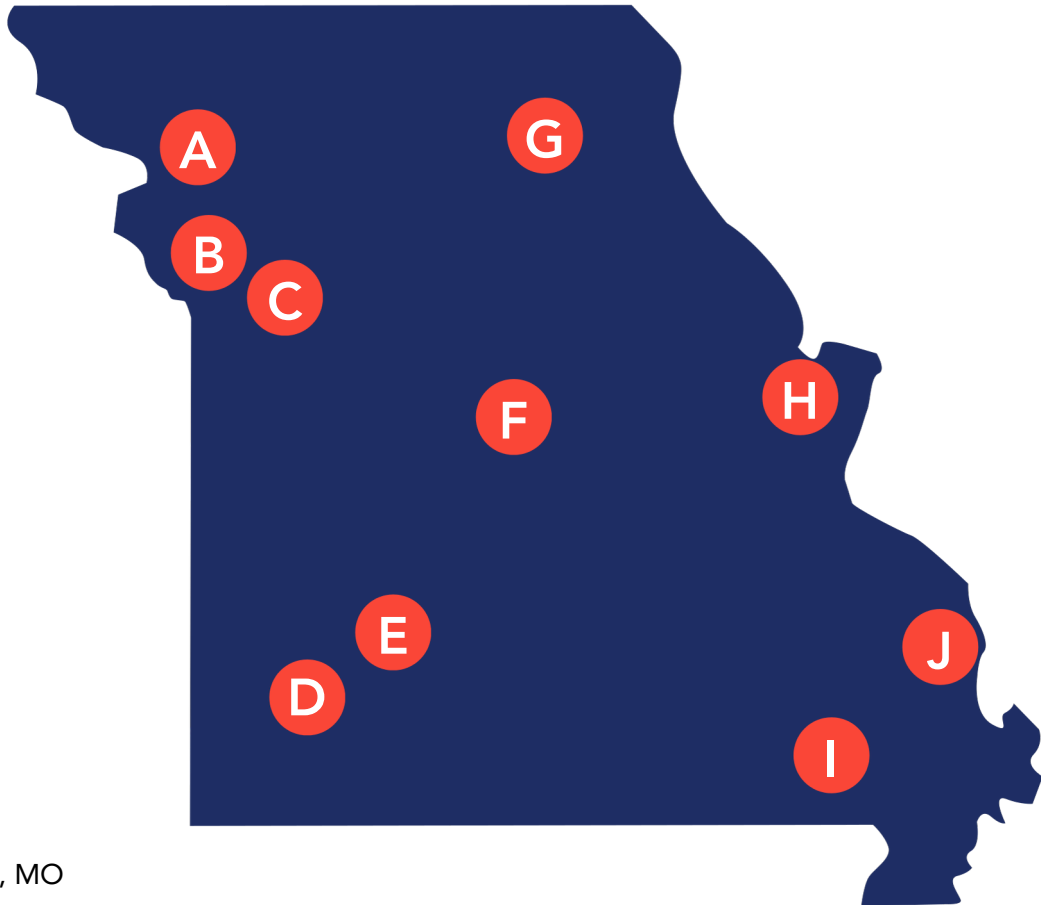
Check out the schedule on the next pages for the 2026 orientation dates and times!

What Should I Bring to Orientation?

- you
- adult caregiver (strongly encouraged)
- notebook and pen to take notes
- open mind

ALA MISSOURI GIRLS STATE

All ALA MGS Citizens are required to complete ONE orientation by June 10, 2026. We recommend attempting to attend an in-person orientation if your location and schedule allows. Orientation addresses are available when you sign up for the orientation in the ALA MGS App.



A Savannah, MO
May 14 at 6:00pm

B Smithville, MO
May 27 at 6:00pm

C Independence, MO
May 17 at 1:30pm
-or- May 28 at 6:30pm

D Freistatt, MO
May 17 at 2:00pm

E Springfield, MO
April 28 at 6:00pm

F Jefferson City, MO
June 7 at 1:00pm

G Kirksville, MO
May 13 at 6:00pm

H St. Charles, MO
May 5 at 7:00pm
-or- May 31 at 5:00pm

I Poplar Bluff, MO
May 11 at 6:00pm

J Cape Girardeau, MO
May 7 at 6:45pm

If you cannot attend an in-person orientation, please review the options on the ALA MGS App for online availability. Online orientations are conducted via Zoom and the links for the meetings will be provided via weekly e-mail communications.

Virtual orientations will be held on May 4th, 13th, 18th, and 21st and June 2nd, 3rd, 7th, and 10th.



ALA MGS

GOVERNMENT

ALA Missouri Girls State is a transformative week of democracy in action. Participants work together to create a mythical state that they will govern at the city, county and state level.

ALA MGS is divided into eight counties, each of which has two cities, to create **sixteen total cities**.

A city consists of approximately 50 citizens. Citizens will be divided into two wholly fictional political parties, **Nationalists** and **Federalists**.

During the week, citizens will participate in elections and City, County, and State activities.

CITY INFORMATION

There are 16 cities at
ALA Missouri Girls State

- 45-60 citizens per city
- 3 city counseling staff per city
 - city counselor and two assistant/junior counselors
- Your city resides together in similar halls of a dormitory.



You can get involved in so many ways at the city level!

- Completing city activities
- Campaigning and being elected to a municipal position
- Serving as an appointed municipal official
- Participating in political party central committees
- So many more!

What city will you be your home at ALA MGS 2026?

Bradley

Compton

Benton

Broeg

Boone

Clark

Carver

Cronin

Adreon

Drake

Covington

Lewis

Pershing

Stephens

Anthony

Crowder

***City and Residence hall assignments will not be sent until June 19, 2026*

City Positions

A critical part of ALA Missouri Girls State is choosing an avenue of involvement. *While you do not need to know or understand each of the different opportunities available for you to be a part of before arriving to the session*, some citizens like to know more about the type of positions available. Here are many of the city positions available at ALA MGS 2026.

| Role | Determined by | Quantity | Notes |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Mayor | Elected | 1 per city | Must attend local government & Policy school |
| City Clerk | Appointed by Mayor | 1 per city | |
| City Attorney | Appointed by Mayor | 1 per city | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Post Mistress | Appointed by Mayor | 1 per city | |
| Police Chief | Appointed by Mayor | 1 per city | Must attend law enforcement & public safety school |
| Police Officers | Hired by Police Chief | 2-3 per city | Must attend law enforcement & public safety school |
| Fire Chief | Appointed by Mayor | 1 per city | Must attend law enforcement & public safety school |
| Fire Fighters | Hired by Fire Chief | 2-3 per city | Volunteer fire department, no class requirement |
| Health Director | Appointed by Mayor | 1 per city | |
| Finance Director | Appointed by Mayor | 1 per city | |
| Municipal Judge | Elected | 1 per city | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Clerk of the Municipal Court | Appointed by Municipal Judge | 1 per city | |
| City Council | Informal City Meeting | 6 per city | Recommended to attend local government & policy school |
| Parks & Rec Directors | Informal City Meeting | 2 per city | |
| City Central Committee | City Meeting | 3 per party per city | |

Note that positions, quantities, or other requirements may change prior to your arrival at ALA MGS 2026 to elevate the specific opportunities for this year's participants.

COUNTY INFORMATION



There are 8 counties at ALA Missouri Girls State.

- 2 cities per county
- 1 county counselor overseeing county business, counseling staff members, and citizens

Some of the opportunities for involvement at the county level:

- Organizing and running the county booth at the State Fair
- Campaigning and being elected to a county position
- Serving as an appointed county official
- Participating in political party county central committees
- Serving on your school board

Can you predict what county will be your new home this summer?

Bacon County

Bradley City
Compton City

Barton County

Benton City
Broeg City

Davidson County

Boone City
Clark City

Scott County

Pershing City
Stephens City

Truman County

Anthony City
Crowder City

Dewitt County

Carver City
Cronin City

Johnson County

Adreon City
Drake City

Price County

Covington City
Lewis City

County Positions

Similar to the city level positions, *no citizen must be an expert at the opportunities available at the county level prior to arriving to session.* Here are many of the county positions available at ALA MGS 2026.

| Role | Determined by | Quantity | Notes |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Presiding County Commissioner | Elected | 1 per county | Must attend local government & Policy school |
| Associate County Commissioners | Elected | 2 per county | Encouraged to attend local government & policy school |
| Public Defender | Appointed by County Commissioner | 1 per county | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Assistant Public Defender | Appointed by Public Defender | 1 per county | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Sheriff | Election | 1 per county | Must attend law enforcement & public safety school |
| Presiding Circuit Judge | Elected | 1 per county | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Court Reporter | Appointed by Circuit Judge | 1 per county | |
| County Assessor | Elected | 1 per county | |
| County Treasurer | Elected | 1 per county | |
| Deputy to County Treasurer | Appointed by County Treasurer | 1 per county | |
| Prosecuting Attorney | Elected | 1 per county | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Assistant Prosecuting Attorney | Appointed by Prosecuting Attorney | 1 per county | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Party County Central Committeewomen | City Meeting | 6 per city, per party | |
| Party County Central Committee Leadership - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Whip | County Meeting | 1 per county, per party | |

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THE BEST STATE IN THE LAND



All of the cities and counties collectively form the state that is **your** ALA Missouri Girls State.

YOU can fulfill any of these roles at ALA MGS 2026

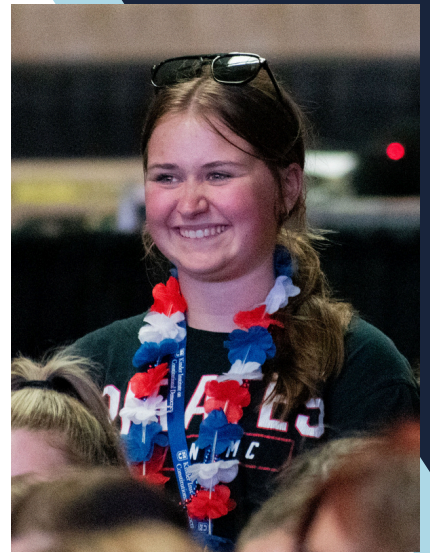
- Serve as Party leadership
- Be a State Central Committee member
- Run a Campaign
- Run for state office
- Serve on the ALA MGS Supreme Court
- Participate in the Talent Show or Band
- Be a Lobbyist or Member of the General Assembly
- Serve as a journalist
- Become a Business Owner
- Even run an Andy's Frozen Custard franchise!



Statewide Positions

| Role | Determined by | Quantity | Notes |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Governor | Elected | 1 | Must attend campaigning & political ops |
| Lt. Governor | Elected | 1 | |
| Secretary of State | Elected | 1 | |
| Auditor | Elected | 1 | |
| Treasurer | Elected | 1 | |
| Attorney General | Elected | 1 | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Supreme Court | Selected | 7 | Must attend law school & pass bar exam |
| Governor's Chief of Staff | Selected by Current ALA MGS Governor | 1 | Must attend legislative & executive policy class |
| Governor's Legislative Director | Selected by Current ALA MGS Governor | 1 | Must attend legislative & executive policy class |
| Governor's Press Secretary | Selected by Current ALA MGS Governor | 1 | Must attend legislative & executive policy class |
| Director of Economic Development | Selected by Current ALA MGS Governor | 2 | Must attend legislative & executive policy class |
| Director of Economic Development | Selected by Current ALA MGS Governor | 1 | Must attend legislative & executive policy class |
| Director of Revenue | Selected by Current ALA MGS Governor | 1 | Must attend commerce school |
| Tax Auditor | Selected by Current ALA MGS Governor | 1 | Must attend commerce school |

PARTY AFFILIATION



There are two political parties at ALA MGS. These parties are entirely fictional and have no relation to real life political parties.

Nationalist Party

- Represented by the color blue
- Mascot - bluebird (Missouri's State Bird!)

Federalist Party

- Represented by the color red
- Mascot - dogwood tree (Missouri's State Tree!)

Each citizen is randomly assigned to a party. Your roommate will generally belong to the opposite party.

Citizens work within their parties to campaign for their candidates, promote party spirit, and create their party platform.

There are opportunities to work within your party at the city, county, and state level.

3 BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Just like in real life, there are three branches of government:

- Executive
- Legislative
- Judicial

All three levels of government (city, county, state) have functional executive, legislative, and judicial branches.



MORE INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Government is not only about running for an elected office. There are other ways to be involved in your democracy, too!

| Role | Notes |
|--|--|
| Lobbyist | Must attend legislative & executive policy class |
| Journalist - Broadcast, Podcast, Newspaper | Must attend journalism school |
| Business Owner | Must attend commerce school |
| Chamber of Commerce | Must attend commerce school |
| Chamber of Commerce Leadership | Must attend commerce school |
| Tourism Commission | Must attend school of international affairs |
| Tourism Commission Leadership | Must attend school of international affairs |
| Band | Bring your instrument! |
| Andy's Franchisee | |
| Talent Show | |
| Color Guard / Flag Bearers | |



...and others, too!

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

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SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Each citizen must enroll in one of the nine classes held daily from Sunday through Thursday. These classes will be introduced and explained in the orientation assembly on Sunday morning.

Class choices will include:

- School of Commerce
- School of Journalism & Media
- School of Education
- School of International Affairs
- School of Law
- School of Law Enforcement
- School of Legislative and Executive Policy
- School of Local Government
- School of Campaigning and Political Operations.

Each class will have an exam on Friday. Passing a final exam and participating in ALA MGS may make you eligible for college credit from Lindenwood University. **These are not automatic credits for attending ALA MGS.** The exam scores and online participation forms (completed by each citizen) are given to the University, and they evaluate each citizen's record for the week to determine eligibility for college credit. The University will make this determination at the end of July 2026, and **you will receive notification of your eligibility for credit via email and text message, both of which will be sent using the information you have provided ALA MGS.**



READY, SET, PACK!
DORM LIFE

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WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO ALA MGS?

Bedding

- Sheets (twin/twin xl)
- Blanket/comforter
- Pillow(s)

Personal Care Items

- Hand soap for bathroom (none provided)
- Body wash/soap
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
- Brush/comb
- Styling tools (if desired) such as flat iron, hair dryer, etc.
- Hand towels
- Bath towels
- Washcloths
- Bathmat
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Sunscreen and bug spray
 - Note: some meetings may be held outdoors
- Prescription medication (if needed)
- Reusable water bottle

Clothing and Shoes

- Bring enough clothing for the week - no laundry services will be available. Remember, it is June in Missouri, and you may want a few extra pairs of clothing due to the heat and/or rain.
- Casual clothes for every day
- At least 4 business casual outfits
- Note: if planning to run for office, bring at least 1 extra outfit
- 1 all-black business casual outfit
- Athletic clothing for Saturday night activities
- Optional: Clothing for athletics - no sports bras as tops
- Comfortable shoes for daily activities
- Comfortable business casual shoes that are not heels
 - Note: there is a lot of walking!
- Lightweight jacket for cool weather
- Umbrella or raincoat
- Hangers - Note: none provided
- Optional: shower shoes

Miscellaneous

- Talent show props (if you have already submitted or are turning in an audition) such as tap, ballet, pointe shoes, baton, flags, props, music, etc.
- Credit card, check, or cash for apparel or merchandise you wish to purchase in the Spellman Center ALA MGS Shoppe
- REQUIRED \$3 US dollars for taxes
- OPTIONAL donation item for Fisher House
- OPTIONAL instrument to participate in the ALA MGS band (percussion instruments provided, please bring own sticks/mallets).
- RECOMMENDED \$10 total for taxes and optional city activities





OPTIONAL FISHER HOUSE DONATION

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri President, Wanda Kinder, invites you to bring one item with you to registration to support her President's Service Project for 2026.

The Fisher House in St. Louis provides free lodging opportunities for those families or caregivers of heroes being served by the VA in St. Louis. While our heroes are receiving the care they need in the hospital setting, their support system can stay at no charge and get the support they need.

If you are willing, please bring one of the listed items to support this project. You will turn in the item(s) at registration.

Wish List Items

- chapstick
- small bottles of individual hand sanitizer
- "pocket packs" of Kleenex
- disposable coffee cups with lids
- paper plates
- plastic utensils (forks and spoons)
- dryer sheets
- hard candies (individually wrapped like mints)
- individually wrapped snacks (chips, crackers, fruit snacks, snack cakes, etc.)



**FRIENDS OF
FISHER HOUSE
ST. LOUIS**



WELCOME TO DORM LIVING!

You will be living in a college dormitory while at ALA MGS!

The set up of the residence halls vary. You may be in a suite style room, with two rooms having a shared restroom. You may be in a community style residence hall where multiple rooms share one restroom in a hallway.

You will have one or two roommates sharing the room with you. You will not know your roommate until arrival at ALA MGS - we do our best to pair you with someone from a different part of the state.

Your roommate will also be of a differing ALA MGS political party.

Each dorm has a house mom. These are your "moms" for the week who will serve as friendly face during the week. They also can make Wal-Mart runs for necessities during the week - cash only!



GENERAL SUPPLIES

SCHOOLS & MEETINGS

School Supplies

- Backpack or other bags to carry schedule and manual
- 3 ring binder
- Notebook paper
- Pens & pencils
- Stationary & stamps (optional)

Please note the ALA MGS program will provide you with printed copies of your schedule and manual for the week. This is NOT something you are responsible to print prior to arrival.



WHAT SHOULD I WEAR AT ALA MGS?

The dress code is not intended to deter individuality or creativity but rather to teach executive presence and prepare all citizens for professional dress experiences in the future. Please be mindful of the dress code policy and plan accordingly for your session at ALA MGS.

The following dress code expectations **apply at all times:**

- All tops and dresses must have two straps (of any width)
- Shoes must be worn any time you are outside of your dorm room
- No sheer or see-through clothing
- No extra exposure - this includes low cuts, cut-outs, halter tops, or crop tops
- Skirt and dress hemlines should rest near the end of fingertips when arms are resting at your side

DAYTIME DRESS

During the daytime, we observe a casual dress code. Citizens can wear jeans, leggings, t-shirts, athletic skorts, dresses, tank tops, ball caps, and more. We suggest you wear comfortable shoes as you will travel long distances. The temperature can vary greatly (warm outdoors and cold indoor environments), so we suggest having a light jacket or sweater with you.

- Citizens have the opportunity to participate in athletic activities Saturday evening, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings. If you wish to participate, please bring athletic wear and tennis shoes.

EVENING/STAGE DRESS

During our evening assemblies, we ask all of our citizens and staff to display a professional look in their attire. This gives all participants an opportunity to practice the soft skill of a business casual dress code in a comfortable, supportive environment. Citizens should wear comfortable shoes and can vary in their attire to include dress pants, khakis, colored denim, dresses, blouses, blazers, pantusuits, and jumpsuits. Participants may NOT wear shorts, blue jeans, or rompers of any style for evening/stage dress code.

- Plan for 4 business casual outfits
- If you are running for a statewide position, we recommend an additional outfit (5) to be prepared for additional on-stage opportunities.
- If you serve in the ALA MGS House of Representatives or Senate, you will have the opportunity to travel to Jefferson City. It is the dress code of the capitol (not ALA MGS), to have shoulders covered. So, pack a sweater or blazer to plan accordingly.

INAUGURATION DRESS

On Friday evening, ALA Missouri Grls State concludes our governmental activities with an inauguration of the newly elected statewide officials. During the evening, citizens and staff will wear ALL BLACK business casual attire for the ceremony. Together, our goal is creating a look of uniformity amongst the whole program.

- Plan an all-black dress, suit, skirt and blouse, pants and blouse, or other appropriate solid black business-casual outfit
- Shoes should be black, neutral, or muted colors
- Accessories should be minimal or understated

DAYTIME



EVENING/STAGE



INAUGURATION





WHAT NOT TO BRING

Do not bring any campaign materials of any kind – blank or printed.

This includes markers, scissors, glue, crayons, streamers, poster boards, etc. You will purchase these items with ALA MGS Bucks, which will be provided. This gives equal opportunity to all. You will be disqualified from running for office if you do not abide by these rules.

Lindenwood University is a tobacco free campus. Participants and guests are not allowed to possess tobacco or tobacco-like products including e-cigarettes and/or vaps.

Helpful Tip: Pack Light!

Unfortunately, not all dorms will have elevator access! Please keep this in mind as you are packing as you might have to carry your belongings up several flights of stairs. If you ride the ALA MGS provided busses, you will be limited in luggage items to ensure room for all passengers.

OTHER INFORMATION

What we need to know about you!

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DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Dietary Restrictions (including gluten-free, diabetic, food allergies, etc.) should also be reported to ALA Missouri Girls State so arrangements can be made with Lindenwood University food services.

On the ALA MGS App, you must respond by providing information about any dietary restrictions including food allergies. Responses must be completed in the app by **June 10, 2026**. If you are vegetarian, you do not need to report it on the app. All meals will contain a vegetarian option.

If you responded that you **DO** have any dietary restrictions, we encourage you to stop by the Spellmann Center following registration in your residence hall. Lindenwood's food service will be available at this table to ensure you are aware of any special directions to meet your needs.

If your restriction is more severe, please email headquarters@missourigirlsstate.org as soon as possible.



MEDICAL

It is imperative that the ALA MGS staff be made aware of any medical issues that could affect participants during the session. **Please understand that attendance at ALA MGS can be physically and mentally strenuous, so we want to ensure the environment is safe for all of our participants.** Citizens and staff must walk to various locations at multiple times of the day. This can include longer distances across campus and in various weather conditions (heat, rain, etc).

All participants should complete the “Special Accomodation Needs” in the ALA MGS App as soon as possible. This can include recent updates to medical status (surgery, crutches, etc) in addition to diagnosed medical conditions. Responses **MUST** be reported in the app by June 10, 2026.

The ALA MGS program has volunteer staff members that are medical professionals as well as mental health/wellness professionals to assist as needed during the week. At any point that we feel a participant is no longer able to attend the program, we will work with the parent/guardian to ensure a safe departure from the program.

Over the counter basic medication (tums, tylenol, benadryl) will be available for purchase at the ALA MGS Shoppe. No participant is allowed to administer or distribute medications to fellow ALA MGS citizens.



EDUCATIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

We are here to work in partnership with each participant that attends ALA MGS.

If you require educational accommodations, such as a 504 or IEP, please notify the program via the Special Accommodation Needs question on the ALA MGS App. If additional documentation is required to be filed with the University, we will notify you via email or phone call.

ALA MGS needs to receive advance notice regarding these accommodations to ensure they are appropriately provided. Failing to give timely notice may lead to the inability to offer the necessary educational accommodations.



TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

On Wednesday of ALA Missouri Girls State, citizens of the current year's session will be featured in a Talent Show. In order to participate, you must send an audition via video by the **Sunday night of ALA Girls State (June 21st)**. Your submission must be a video of the exact act you plan on performing. Wear your costume in your video if you plan on performing in costume (dress code need not apply to talent show outfits).

Past acts have included singing, dancing (tap, ballet, jazz, and pointe), cheerleading or pom routines, twirling, flags, juggling, instrumental music, piano, dramatic or humorous monologues, inspirational spoken word, or other creative entries. Any person submitting an audition should bring their performance items with them to ALA Missouri Girls State.

Audition entries should be e-mailed to ALA MGS Music Director Miss Lynnea at lynnea.wootten@gmail.com. Upon submission, please include the title of your song and artist and the music you would need if selected to perform. This music should be submitted in MP3 format. If your music is too large of an attachment, please share the music via a Google Drive link.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE FOR ALA MGS

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ARRIVAL TO ALA MGS

Registration is from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm in your assigned residence hall at Lindenwood University, and the first meeting will begin at 4:00 pm. On **Friday June 19th**, 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.

From Interstate 70, take Exit 228 at Missouri Highway 94 East/South 1st Capitol Drive. Continue Northeast on 1st Capitol Drive. Travel past Tompkins Street (by Auto Zone) and take the next left at 1st Capitol Drive to enter the Lindenwood University Campus. Follow the road past the Library and Academic Resource Center and turn right on John Weber Drive. You will then turn left and park in the parking areas if you are assigned to Blanton Hall, Rauch Memorial Hall, Calvert Rogers Hall, and Guffey Hall. If you are assigned to Irwin Hall, you will turn right to the parking area. The arrival map and schedule will be provided to you in weekly e-mail communications.

Once you reach the campus, be sure to look for and follow signs specifically for ALA MGS. Once you have parked in the above-mentioned parking lot, you may unload your luggage and check in to your residence hall with your city counselor.

After going through registration, the citizen may not leave the campus for any reason. Please plan to eat before arrival.



DEPARTURE FROM ALA MGS

On the last day, citizens will be packed up prior to attending the closing ceremony.

After closing ceremony (approx. 10:30 am), citizens are ready to be checked out with guardians and/or load up on busses to head home. Any concern about departure times must be sent to ALA MGS via email at headquarters@missourigirlsstate.org. Only pre-approved early departures will be eligible for college credit consideration and successful completion of the program.

We **STRONGLY** recommend that citizens do not drive themselves to or from ALA MGS. This is a long and tiring week. We care about the safety of our citizens, and they will be too tired to safely drive home after a week of building a government from scratch!

If your citizen does drive themselves to/from the session, they will turn in their keys for the Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers (that are also ALA MGS Staff members) to monitor during the week.



BUS INFORMATION

If you live more than 90 miles from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, you are eligible for bus transportation TO and FROM the ALA Missouri Girls State session. **This is provided at no additional cost to you - the participant!**

On the ALA MGS App, you will see a list of planned launch sites throughout the state. **You must respond in the ALA MGS app by May 20, 2026 for us to plan transportation opportunities accordingly.**

Please note that we calculate occupancy and routes based on the benefit of ALL riders. You will be assigned a bus that fits in the overall transportation plan for both the ALA MGS and MBS participants who are riding on the transportation. The bus stop for your arrival or departure may NOT be the bus location nearest to your home address.

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When will I find out my arrival time/city/residence hall?

- On Friday, June 19th, you will receive an email with your assigned residence hall and arrival time. This will allow you to check in at your specific residence hall.

What does a typical day at ALA MGS look like?

- It's busy! See below for a sample schedule.
 - Wake Up Call: 6:30 am
 - Athletics: 7:00 - 8:00 am*
 - Breakfast: 8:15 - 9:15 am
 - Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 pm
 - Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 - City Debrief: 9:00 - 10:00 pm
 - Lights Out: 10:30 pm

Do you have any advice for us?

- Bring comfortable shoes.
- Follow us on social media. We provide many helpful tips and respond to questions frequently on our channels!
- Embrace this opportunity. You'll get as much out of this program as you put into it.



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