November 2016

Dear Unit President and/or Girls State Chairman:

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri will hold the 2017 session of Missouri Girls State at University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg on Sunday, June 25 through Saturday, July 1, 2017. This letter is to provide you with information and instructions for selecting your unit’s delegates to attend Missouri Girls State. Each unit may send up to six (6) delegates and the fee will be $300.00 per delegate. Contact Director of Admissions to send additional delegates.

The Pledge form, fees check and all delegate and alternate registration forms are due **March 1, 2017**. We have included the 2017 Unit Girls State Chairman Information Sheet, Unit Pledge Form, Parent/Delegate Information Booklet, Contributing Organization Roster and Delegate/Alternate Registration Form. Please make additional copies as needed.

If you have selected alternates, we would like for the alternate to fill out the complete registration form and write ALTERNATE across the top. Therefore, if an alternate steps up to delegate we already have the paperwork.

| Deadline for registration form/s, pledge form, tuition fee/s: **March 1, 2017** |
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| March 1, 2017 – Send original and 2 copies of delegate registration forms, contributing organization roster, unit check and pledge form to Department Office, 600 Ellis Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65101 |
| May 31, 2017 – Deadline for full refund for any delegate cancellation. If the fee was paid by a contributing organization, it will be the responsibility of the unit to return the money. |
| June 12, 2017 – Deadline for any alternates to be accepted. |
| June 24, 2017 – Deadline for partial refund of $225 for any delegate cancellation. If the fee was paid by a contributing organization, it will be the responsibility of the unit to return the money. There will be no refund to the Unit after June 25, 2016 or for any citizen leaving at anytime during the Girls State session. |
| June 25, 2017 – Deadline to replace cancelled delegate with alternate. If a delegate cancels after June 12 and an alternate registration form is on file, the alternate can be upgraded to delegate status and will be able to attend MGS. |

The Girls State program would appreciate any donations to help offset the cost of materials in the campaign store or for general operational costs.

We look forward to an exciting 2017 Missouri Girls State session as we educate young women for future leadership opportunities in their communities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Dean of Admissions or any member of the Girls State Committee.

Sincerely,
Natalie Riley, Director
Linda Schaap, Dean of Admissions
Email: missourigirlsstate@hotmail.com
Daytime Phone for Inquiries: (816) 358–4541 – Linda Schaap
Evening Phone: Same

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[www.missourigirlsstate.org](http://www.missourigirlsstate.org)
Missouri Girls State
Auxiliary Unit Information and Procedures for Pledge Form

Note: Only 2017 Forms will be accepted. Copies of previous years’ paperwork will not be accepted and will be returned to sender.
This form is revised from the original. We apologize for our mistake.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Coordinate with local schools for selecting delegates to attend. Each Unit may send up to six (6) delegates. Contact Dean of Admissions for additional delegates.

2. Please make copies of 5-page 2017 Delegate/Parent Information Booklet. Parents, Delegates and Alternates must read before filling out Delegate/Alternate Application Form.

3. Application Form: When you have selected your delegate/s, have each girl go on-line to www.missourigirlsstate.org and complete the application and print it. All applicants and parent/guardians and a school representative must sign the printed form and return it to you.

4. ALA Unit representative [usually unit chair] signs Delegate/Alternate Application Form. Check for other necessary signatures.

5. Contributing organizations will be sent a certificate of appreciation. Please give complete name and mailing address for each contributing organization that gave financial support for tuition fee/s. This information is now on the Contributing Organization Roster. A certificate will only be sent when you check the ☑.

6. Send original and 2 copies of completed 2017 Unit Pledge Form, Unit’s check ($300 per delegate), Delegate/Alternate Application Forms and Contributing Organization Roster by deadline, March 1, 2017 to:

   AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
   600 ELLIS BLVD.
   JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

7. Beginning March 2, 2017 any openings will be filled from waiting list on a first come-first serve basis. Girls State Chairman must contact Director if unable to comply with above deadlines. IF YOUR PLEDGE FORM, CHECK AND DELEGATE APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE OF MARCH 1, 2016, YOUR DELEGATES MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTED DUE TO LACK OF SPACE.
**Missouri Girls State**  
**Auxiliary Unit Pledge Form**

Unit Name: _______________________________ District No. _____ Unit No. ______

Unit President Name: __________________________ Phone: (_____) _____________

Girls State Chairman Name: _____________________ Phone: (_____) _____________

Girls State Chairman Address:___________________________________________________________

GS Chairman Email: ________________________________________________________________

If no email, write email of unit officer/member: Name ___________________ Office ________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________

**NAMES OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES SPONSORED FOR 2017:**

1. _________________________________ Delegate Alternate

2. _________________________________ Delegate Alternate

3. _________________________________ Delegate Alternate

4. _________________________________ Delegate Alternate

5. _________________________________ Delegate Alternate

6. _________________________________ Delegate Alternate

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Check here if unit is interested in sending more than the six (6) delegates that are listed above. The Unit will be notified after March 2, 2017 if vacancies are available.

Checklist of necessary paperwork:

☐ mai-01 Application form [1 per delegate/alternate] – includes ID#, all signatures, front and back printed. **App is one-sided only.**

☐ mai-06 Pledge form

☐ mai-14 Contributing Organization Roster [if financial donations were received for tuition fees]

☐ Tuition fee of $300 per delegate

Send **original and 2 copies** of all paperwork to:

American Legion Auxiliary  
600 Ellis Blvd  
Jefferson City, MO 65101-2204.
MISSOURI GIRLS STATE
CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATION ROSTER

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri wants to acknowledge and send thanks to those organizations and businesses in the school and community that have made a financial contribution to help pay all or part of the MGS tuition fees for one or more delegates. Every unit will be sent a certificate so please write complete name of unit below.

Unit #: _____ District #: _____ Name of Unit: ____________________________________________________________

Unit Representative Name: ___________________________ Mailing Address: ____________________________

☐ Check box if unit would like to receive an “Unit Participation” certificate.

A certificate will be sent by US mail to each business or organization listed below if checked. If the complete address is not listed, the certificate will be sent to the unit representative person listed above for distribution. If a delegate is assigned/associated with a specific donation, please write delegate’s name with it. If not, leave delegate name blank.

#1
Organization % Contact Name
Street: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________
Delegate Name: ___________________________ ☐ Please send “Contributing Organization” certificate to this organization.

#2
Organization % Contact Name
Street: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________
Delegate Name: ___________________________ ☐ Please send “Contributing Organization” certificate to this organization.

#3
Organization % Contact Name
Street: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________
Delegate Name: ___________________________ ☐ Please send “Contributing Organization” certificate to this organization.

#4
Organization % Contact Name
Street: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________
Delegate Name: ___________________________ ☐ Please send “Contributing Organization” certificate to this organization.

#5
Organization % Contact Name
Street: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________
Delegate Name: ___________________________ ☐ Please send “Contributing Organization” certificate to this organization.

Send original and 2 copies to: American Legion Auxiliary, 600 Ellis Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65101-2204.

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Delegate/Parent
Information Booklet

American Legion Auxiliary
Missouri Girls State
June 25-July 1, 2017
University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Please read the enclosed material prior to filling out your Registration Form for Girls State

Web site: www.missourigirlsstate.org
Please read this booklet before completing your Registration Form. Additional information can be obtained on the web site at www.missourigirlsstate.org with contact phone numbers for any questions.

The Girls State program provides young women who have just finished their junior year in high school the opportunity to come together to study city, county and state government. It enforces the understanding that every person is an integral part of the political process and has a responsibility to make tomorrow a better time--the world a better place regardless of religious or political beliefs. It provides an opportunity to form a local government structure to deal with problems and situations as they arise and to see the political process work effectively.

WHAT IS GIRLS STATE AND WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED?
Missouri Girls State is an intensive week of government study and Americanism training sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Americanism is the study of proper flag etiquette, the respect that the American Flag is due and a greater awareness of its importance and significance in American History.

Upon arrival each delegate is assigned to the Nationalist or Federalist political party--neither of which is affiliated with the Democrat or Republican Party. Party spirit and cheering provides support to those who choose to run for political office. In addition, all delegates are assigned to a city and the delegates of each city are housed together and eat at the Ellis Residence Hall Dining Hall. Each city forms a city government with elected officials who carry out responsibilities and duties as assigned. Three cities form a county, again with duties and responsibilities performed by its elected officials.

Finally, the state government is formed. Each political party holds a state convention complete with platform, resolutions, credentials and regulations committees, candidate speeches and party spirit. The primary ballot narrows the party candidates to the final general election ballot which elects the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, and Auditor. Elected state officials may be invited to return the following session to perform duties as assigned.

The Highway Patrol is formed to provide law enforcement assistance and education to the delegates. The patrol assists as required, serving as the honor guard for the Governor, writing tickets, helping with court trials, and performing any duties assigned.

The General Assembly is the legislative branch of state government and each city elects five (5) Representatives and each county elects four (4) Senators. MGS General Assembly travels by chartered bus to Jefferson City for its second session in the actual respective chambers in the Capitol building. During the week, the General Assembly meets for several sessions to write, debate, and vote on various proposed bills.

Each delegate will select one of seven (7) classes to attend daily. Classes include Legislative Procedure, Law, Law Enforcement, Communication/Media, International Politics, Business School and Executive/Leadership School. An exam will be given on Friday. A passing grade on the exam,
active participation in the week’s activities, compliance of rules and regulations and attendance for the entire session [Sunday through Saturday] will enable a delegate to apply for two (2) or three (3) hours of college credit issued by University of Central Missouri.

Normally each day contains two (2) assemblies with guest speakers from political, business, and community service occupations. Delegates may participate in the MGS band or chorus which performs before assemblies and the Friday inauguration of state officials.

MGS provides the opportunity to experience college living, meet new friends and expand awareness of other types of Missouri living, either rural or urban. A MGS store has a wide variety of souvenirs, clothing, and snacks. During free time, all delegates have the opportunity to network and share high school, student council and club ideas and activities.

MGS is a seven-day session which can be physically, mentally and emotionally strenuous. The program is structured as a very intensive learning situation and involves a great deal of walking among campus buildings.

If selected to attend Missouri Girls State, a delegate or alternate must register and complete the online application form on the MGS website and submit it to her school for required signature. The application form, pledge form, contributing organization roster and tuition fees must be received by March 1, 2017 deadline or before capacity is reached. The MGS rules and regulations are listed on a screen in the on-line application process and in this booklet. The delegate or alternate must agree to comply with them.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A delegate must remain at Girls State for the ENTIRE session, June 25-July 1, 2017 to receive credit for the program. The sponsoring organization, unit, and school are informed when a delegate fails to attend MGS or leaves before the program is completed.

All accepted delegates will download the complete delegate packet which will be available on or about April 1st from the website www.missourigirlsstate.org which includes more information and forms to be completed and brought to Girls State.

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, Missouri Girls State reserves the right to accept or reject any delegate nominated to attend Missouri Girls State.

Any delegate of Missouri Girls State found to be violating MGS Rules and Regulations will be subject to immediate dismissal without refund and barred from further participation in the program. The parents will be notified and requested to come pick up their daughter. The American Legion Auxiliary unit, contributing organization, and school will be notified when a delegate fails to complete the course and a request will be made to the school that Missouri Girls State be stricken from the delegate’s academic record. A delegate who fails to complete the Missouri Girls State session without just cause, barring illness or death in the family, may be held responsible for reimbursing the delegate fee to her financial sponsor.
HARASSMENT AND BULLYING POLICY

Harassment and Bullying will not be tolerated. For purposes of this policy, they are defined as intimidation or harassment of a delegate or multiple delegates perpetuated by individuals or groups. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or damaging property; oral or written taunts, including name-calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; or threats of retaliation for reporting such acts.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL POLICY

During Missouri Girls State, first aid and/or medical attention, if required, will be available. Every care will be taken to avoid accidents and prevent illness, but American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, Missouri Girls State will not accept responsibility for either injuries or sickness should they occur. The medical form must be properly filled out with the delegate’s insurance and Social Security number. The release for emergency medical treatment must be signed by parent or guardian.

DISABILITY POLICY

All arrangements for a delegate with a physical disability must be submitted in writing to the Director prior to the acceptance of the delegate to Missouri Girls State. If a delegate with a physical disability is selected that needs assistance to participate, the sponsoring organization must furnish a full time female aide of legal age to assist the delegate. All expenses for the aide, including transportation, meals and lodging must be assumed by the sponsoring organization. Missouri Girls State will not be responsible for any expenses or providing any equipment. Also, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, Missouri Girls State must be assured that proper insurance is provided for the delegate with a disability and her aide, and any additional premiums will be assumed by the sponsoring organization, parent or guardian of the delegate.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, Missouri Girls State is an educational exercise in which the majority of the base skills are transmitted to the delegates via verbal and published communications. Missouri Girls State will make every effort to afford qualified individual delegates an opportunity to participate regardless of impairment, but at no additional cost to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, Missouri Girls State.

HEARING IMPAIRED AND/OR VISION IMPAIRED (legally blind)

The following policy will be applied to the Hearing Impaired and/or Vision Impaired:

1. A delegate with a severe hearing and/or visual impairment must be accompanied, so as to provide her safety at all times, by a qualified female aide or signing person (an interpreter) of legal age that is capable of voice communication and/or sign language.

2. The aide or interpreter must accompany the delegate to all program functions, and must adhere to all delegate rules.
3. The personal aide or interpreter will be subject to the same exact fees as a delegate, but will not be allowed to participate in the actual program without the expressed prior permission of the Girls State Director.

4. The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, Missouri Girls State, will not be responsible to the personal aide or interpreter in any way, for any remuneration for her efforts on behalf of the hearing impaired and/or vision impaired delegate.

5. If there are varying degrees of vision impairment, or a Seeing Eye dog involved, that may be subject to variation of the above rules, each will be considered on an individual basis by the Girls State Director consulting with the University of Central Missouri.

6. This policy is in addition to the Missouri Girls State Disability Policy.

All arrangements for any delegate with a severe visual or hearing impairment must be submitted in writing and approved by the Director, before the individual’s acceptance as a delegate to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, Missouri Girls State program.

PHOTO/IDENTITY RELEASE POLICY

Each delegate and her parent/guardian hereby give consent to Missouri Girls State and its designees the right to film and photograph the delegate and use the delegate’s name, pictures, and other reproductions of her physical likeness in connection with Missouri Girls State press releases, website, social media pages and all other projects sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and Missouri Girls State, including any photo CDs, videos or films used to publicize and/or advertise Missouri Girls State and further understand that no compensation for such use will be paid to the delegate and/or her parent/guardian.
Current District
#’s in counties
2014
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Sally Murphy
158 Cedar Tree Lane
Saint Louis, MO 63123

Cell Ph: (314) 555-1234
Email: rcdathome@att.net
Birthdate: 03/15/1999

High School: Bayless High School
GPA (4pt Scale): 3.85
ALA District: 10

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Jessia Hunt
158 Cedar Tree Lane
Saint Louis, MO 63123

Relationship: Parent
Home Ph: (314) 555-6789
Day/Cell Ph: (314) 555-1546
Email: jessicaathome@att.net
Attended Program: No

ADDITIONAL PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Not Given

List the organizations and activities in which you participate in your school and/or community, including any leadership positions you hold. Also list any recognitions or awards you have received.

Special Olympics, Girl Scouting, FFA

Please write a brief statement about why you would like to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State program.

I am interested in government and public service.

How did you hear about the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State program?

My counselor asked me to investigate the website.

If you are a direct descendant of a U.S. war veteran (e.g., Father, Mother, Grandfather, etc.) please list their names. You may be eligible for specific scholarship opportunities.

Adolph John Held

We understand completing this Application is only one part of the selection process and we shall receive official notification from Missouri Girls State if the applicant is selected to attend the program. We have read the rules and regulations set forth in the Delegate/Parent Information Booklet. We understand the commitment made by the Delegate and specifically acknowledge the Attendance Policy, Health Medical Policy and Photo/Identification Release Policy contained in the Delegate/Parent Information Booklet.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

MUST BE SIGNED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED

As Principal, I recommend this applicant for participation as a citizen in the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State program based on her academics, leadership, scholarship, character and service in school activities. I hereby certify that the qualifications of this applicant are true to the best of my knowledge and I support the applicant's representation of this school. With my signature, I approve the application's nomination, and endorse the applicant's participation in the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State program.

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

DATE

The 2017 program fee of $300 is paid by a sponsor or contributing organization.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MO GIRLS STATE UNIT CHAIR

I certify that this applicant is eligible and is recommended for participation in the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State program.

UNIT CHAIR SIGNATURE

DATE

UNIT #

DISTRICT #

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