



The American Legion Auxiliary GEORGIA GIRLS STATE, INC.



American Legion Auxiliary **Unit Number** _____ **Location** _____ **APPLICATION FOR THE 2017 SESSION**

() Principal Delegate, () Alternate Delegate. If an alternate, name of person replacing _____

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND PARENTS (Type Or Print Neatly. We Must Be Able To Read Each Entry) (Directions on Back or Next Sheet)

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____
First Middle Last

Name you want on your name tag: _____ Girl's Cell phone # if available (_____) _____

Address _____ (Home) or Parent's Cell Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ emergency phone number (_____) _____

Girl's email _____ Family email _____

***** I have visited the web site – <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org> – and reviewed it for the upcoming session.

Please read the forms packet (you will receive it from your sponsor or in the US mail for all necessary information and what to bring.)

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- This American Legion Auxiliary Unit And/Or Other Sponsors Have Paid The Fees For Me To Attend Girls State. This Money Is Not Refundable. If I Am Unable To Attend And A Suitable Alternate Is Unable To Attend, The Fees Will Be Forfeited And I May Be Asked To Repay The Fees To The Unit And/Or Sponsor. This Is Not A Camp, But Rather An Educational Process.
- I Will Notify The Sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit As Far In Advance As Possible If I Will Be Unable To Attend.
- To Satisfactorily Complete This Program, I Must Arrive by 4:00 PM On Sunday and Stay Until After Graduation On Friday. **There Are No Exceptions.**
- I Give Permission For My (Daughter's) Picture And/Or Voice To Be Used In The Promotion Of This Program In Video, In Print And On The Internet.
- I Agree To Abide By All Rules And Guidelines Of The American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State.
- I Am Single And Have No Children.

 Student Signature Parent's Printed Name Parent/Guardian Signature Date

SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL (Directions on Back)

I certify that the above named student will meet the following criteria as of June of the program year.

- Be At Least 14 Years of Age.
- Should Successfully **Have Completed Her Junior Year And Have At Least One Semester Remaining Before Graduation.**
- Displays Outstanding Qualities of Leadership, Character, Scholarship, Loyalty and Service To The School And Community.
- **Is In The Upper Third Of Their Class. Exceptions Must Be Approved In Advance By The Director, Georgia Girls State.**

Student Ranks # _____ in a class of _____ if ranking is done. **Projected Graduation Date** _____

 Name and Address of High School

 Printed/Typed Name and Title of School Official

 Phone Number

 Signature

 E-mail Address

 Date

SECTION 3: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT (Directions on Back)

I certify that our Girls State Committee has met with the above named student and has selected her to be a representative of our Unit, her High School and this Community at Georgia Girls State. I further certify that the above named student has not previously attended a Girls State Program. Additionally, our American Legion Auxiliary Unit shall be responsible for paying the **\$275.00** fee and for arranging transportation to and from Georgia Girls State.

 Printed/Typed Name and Title of Sponsoring Unit Official

 Phone Number

 Address

 City/State/Zip

 Signature

 E-Mail Address

 Date

Attach Photo Here

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

TO THE STUDENT AND PARENTS

1. Complete Section 1.
 2. Type or print in block letters where it can be easily read.
 3. Refer to the Georgia Girls State web site for additional information. Review the site at <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>.
 4. Read the section that begins with, "I UNDERSTAND THAT:"
 5. Both student and one or both parents must sign and date the application.
 6. Complete Medical History/ Consent Form, Parent Waiver. This is all on one sheet.
 7. Make a copy of the front and back of the insurance card if insured.
 8. Attach a photo of the participant.
 9. Return completed application, completed Medical History/Consent/Parent Waiver, copy of insurance card (back and front) to counselor or American Legion Auxiliary Representative.
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TO THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR/COORDINATOR

Thank you for taking the time to complete Section 2 and for supporting our program. More information about Georgia Girls State is available at <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>.

1. Complete Section 2.
2. Verify the information requested in the 4 bullets.
3. Please provide the name and address of the High School.
4. If students are ranked, please provide ranking.
5. Provide the projected graduation date.
6. Sign and date the application.

TO THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT

1. Complete Section 3. Please provide your contact telephone number and if possible an e-mail address.
2. It is the responsibility of the Sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit to verify all information on this form and that the information can be read. **Incomplete applications will be returned.**
3. Reservations (\$275.00 per girl) must reach the Department headquarters, by **April 20th**. Applications should be sent to the director, Deedy Harrell, no later than **May 10th**.
4. Make sure the girl attaches a current photo for identification purposes.
5. Make a copy for your records and forward the **completed application, completed Medical History/Consent and Parent Waiver form (ALL on one sheet) and copy of the back and front of insurance card, and to:**
Deedy Harrell
800 E 10th Avenue
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169.

Additional copies may be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
GEORGIA GIRLS STATE
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, STATESBORO, GEORGIA

INFORMATION ABOUT GEORGIA GIRLS STATE June 11 – 16, 2017

WEB: More information is available at www.georgiagirlsstate.org, please refer to it for more information and necessary forms. The Girls State Manual is on the website. You will receive a copy upon arrival.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE?

- It is a National program of the American Legion Auxiliary and is a course of instruction in, as well as, a practical application of, the fundamental principles and procedures of city, county and state government under the American system.
- A session, usually lasting five days, is conducted by each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, with the top-ranking high school girls as citizens.
- Under the guidance of skilled counselors and other staff members who are leading citizens, these girls learn and then practice through self-government, the duties, responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship.
- GEORGIA GIRLS STATE is sponsored, as it has been since 1940, by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Georgia with local Auxiliary units and interested civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations cooperating.
- From the time they arrive, until they leave for home the citizens will get regular “sessions” of instruction in practical application of government and citizenships.
- These instruction sessions, conducted by the Government Instructor and the Girls State staff will include the principles and procedures of city, county and state government.
- Using the know-how gained from these classes, the citizens will organize and operate their own city, county and state governments.
- Emphasis will be placed on letting the girls govern themselves, under the constant guidance of the staff members. Upon arrival in Statesboro, the citizens will be assigned to 12 cities and 4 counties, to form the mythical 51st State of Girls State.
- Early in the week, each city will elect officials, who will operate the city government during the week.
- Later, each county will elect county officials. There will be appointed officials at all levels of government.
- Each girl will be assigned to a party (Nationalist or Federalist) and either to the Girls State House or Senate.
- Prior to Girls State, each citizen is encouraged to write a bill for debate in the House and Senate. If a bill is submitted, girls are required to bring 375 copies of their bill on letter sized paper (8 ½ X 11) to turn in Sunday during registration. Limit your bill to one sheet. If you have questions concerning the bill, please call or text 770-337-7997 or email georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com.
- A State General Election will take place, in which the Girls State Governor and other State Officials will be elected.
- **This fee of \$275.00 is paid by the Auxiliary Units. The fee shall not be paid by citizens, parents or any family member of a citizen.** The Auxiliary Units raise the fees through donations, fund raisers and various other sources.

MEDICAL CARE:

- Prior to applying to Girls State, every applicant will receive a Medical Form, determining whether or not this citizen is physically qualified to participate fully in the Program. **The Medical History/Consent/Parent Waiver form (one sheet) with copy of insurance card, must be submitted with the application to the Director of Georgia Girls State, Deedy Harrell**
- Infirmary facilities and medical personnel will be provided throughout the week, to render any needed medical attention to citizens and staff members.

INFORMATION PACKETS:

- **Once the girls’ applications have been received, an information packet will be mailed to each girl.**
- This packet includes Urgent Information, complete instructions on rules and regulations, general information, what to bring from home and other facts which citizens should know before leaving home for

Girls State, GSU Waiver, Key Agreement, Scholarship Information, information for writing House and Senate Bills and the Girls State Pledge. The packets may be downloaded from the Girls State website at <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/forms.htm>. (These must be turned in during registration on Sunday.)

- If you have not received your packet by May 10th, please contact me by call or text at 770-337-7997 Email me at georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com. Many things require information from your school so read the information before it's time to pack.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:

- Citizens must report to Kennedy Hall (191 Knight Drive Statesboro, GA) on the campus of Georgia Southern University between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 and they will depart on Friday, June 16 at 1:00 PM.
- **LUNCH will NOT be provided on Sunday;** arrangements must be made prior to arriving at Girls State.
- **Once the citizen has registered, they are not allowed to leave to eat lunch. Make sure you have eaten lunch before arriving on campus.**
- Inauguration and Graduation is held at The Nessmith Lane Theater (847 Plant Drive, Statesboro, GA) June 16, 2017 at 8:45 AM. Doors open for guests at 8:15.
- The sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit is responsible for arranging transportation to Girls State and back home. Some units require parents to provide transportation.

HOUSING AND MEALS:

- All citizens and staff members will be housed in the dormitories on the campus of Georgia Southern University, and the meals will be served in the cafeteria.
- Participants of Girls State may not order food to be brought to them by restaurants, family or friends.
- Complete instructions on rules and regulations, general information, what to bring from home and other facts which you should know before leaving home for Girls State **can be found on the Girls State Website:** <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>

OTHER INFORMATION

- **NO citizen will be permitted to leave the area designated for Girls State on the campus of Georgia Southern without the permission of the Girls State Director and only in the case of emergency.**
- **No visitors are allowed during the week. Guests MAY attend the graduation on Friday morning.**
- **Nothing can be delivered to citizens unless through the Girls State office. This includes food deliveries.**
- **All citizens will be required to comply with all rules of conduct and general discipline by the Girls State Staff and Counselors. This includes showing respect to all staff members and fellow citizens.**
- **Only an extreme emergency will be a reason for leaving Girls State before the end of the session.**

ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE TO:

- The Director, Deedy Harrell, 800 E. 10th Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169, 770-337-7997 (call or text) or email georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com.
- Or the Assistant Director, Gabriele Barnett At: Cell 706-951-3906 (call or text) or email: barnettgabriele@hotmail.com

GIRLS NATION:

- Two outstanding citizens of the American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State session will be selected by delegates and staff to attend Girls Nation.
- The Girls Nation session will be held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD, July 22– 29, 2017.
- All expenses of the two citizens will be paid from the Girls State Fund.

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP: Check the website for the link for the application.
www.georgiagirlsstate.org. This must be completed on line by **Sunday June 11, 2017.**

Georgia Girls State Medical History/Consent Form and Parent Waiver

Name _____
Address _____
Mother/Guardian Name _____ Home/Cell Phone _____
Father/Guardian Name _____ Home/Cell Phone _____
Name of Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____ (_____) _____

To be filled out by the parents of the applicant:

Has she had any serious illness? _____

Is she being treated by a doctor for any chronic health conditions? If so, please explain: _____

Please list any Allergies your child has _____

Please list ALL prescription or over the counter medications or herbal supplements that your child takes on a regular basis. _____

Please have all medications, along with a list of the medications, IN HAND at registration for review by the Girls State nurse.

Any other special accommodations that your child requires: _____

Restrictions: _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

Release to Treat for Illness or Injury:

As Parent or Guardian of: _____

I Hereby Authorize Medical Treatment to be administered while she is attending Georgia Girls State by my signature at the bottom of this sheet.

Father's Work phone # _____ Mother's Work Phone # _____

The Georgia Girls State nurse has permission to administer Over-the-Counter medications to my daughter. YES _____ NO _____

Exceptions: _____

To: Parents or Guardian

Every precaution is taken to avoid accidents and sickness at Georgia Girls State. Participants who do not already have group accident, *sickness medical insurance coverage, are insured under a group policy. The group policy is Excess Coverage to any other Valid and Collectable Insurance Plan.* If your daughter is covered under a group plan, please list the insurance information below:

Name of Insurance Comp _____

Group Name _____ Group Number _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check if not insured

If insured, attach a copy of the back and front of her insurance card.

The undersigned, parents (or guardian) of _____ in consideration of instruction and training to be given to her as a citizen of GEORGIA GIRLS STATE, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, INC. TO BE HELD AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN STATESBORO, GA. ON THE DATES OF JUNE 11 - 16, 2017, do hereby give consent for her to participate fully in all planned activities of Girls State.

We hereby release and discharge THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, INC., its Officers, Agents, Instructors and Employees, from all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions or causes of action which we may, can or shall have by any reason of illness, injury or accident incurred or suffered by _____ while in attendance at said Girls State, no matter how caused or occasioned.

Does your daughter have any physical or emotional condition, or is she taking any medication (prescribed) that girls state should be aware of?

YES _____ NO _____ If yes, explain: _____

Use the back of the sheet if needed.

_____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's signature