

American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State

Congratulations on being chosen to attend Georgia Girls State!

Report to Georgia Hall on the campus of Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, between 1:00 and 3:30 on Sunday June 11, 2023. Make arrangements to depart on Friday, June 16, 2023 by 1:00 PM. Please make sure that you have had lunch before you register. Once you have registered, you may not leave the campus. Our first meal is Sunday dinner at 5:30 PM.

Before Girls State: The 2023 Girls State Application will be a fully online application. It will be available starting February 25, 2023. You should receive the link to the application on an email.

**ON SUNDAY, DURING REGISTRATION
YOU MUST BRING 275 copies of your bill on
8 ½ X 11 paper (if you write a bill)
Limit your bill to one sheet.**

What to bring:

- Twin bed sheets extra long
- Blanket, pillow and pillow case
- Hand, Bath towels, wash clothes, bath mat
- Personal toilet articles
- Soap, hand soap, shampoo
- Sanitary articles (Be Prepared)
- Coat hangers
- Umbrella
- Sweater or light jacket
- School and Sport clothes
- \$5.00 cash for a Cantina Card
- 1 dressy dress or outfit and appropriate shoes for graduation
- 2 or 3 business (nice) outfits for inspirational and giving speeches during campaigns
- Comfortable shoes

- White gloves (we have some to share)
 - Patriotic outfit for Flag Day (Optional)
 - Pocket Folder
 - Pen or pencil, markers and highlighter
 - Masking tape
- Trash bags and Bathroom tissue will be provided

Do not bring campaign materials or any means to make them other than pens, pencils and markers. To keep campaigning equal for all delegates, you will not be allowed to bring materials from home. You will only be able to use paper that Girls State provides. Do not bring a laptop computer or expensive jewelry. You may bring a cell phone but cell phones may only be used during free time. The use of phones for talking and/or text messaging during any meeting or assembly will not be tolerated. It can be used for notes.

Talent Show

Girls State will have a talent show on Thursday evening. If you are interested, please bring equipment, musical instruments, music, etc. You must sign up by Tuesday at Girls State if you plan to try out for participation. Microphone and computer provided on stage

Girls State House and Senate

Much of your time during the week will be spent in the House and Senate. You will be randomly assigned as a Senator or Representative. You should conduct yourself and present yourself as a young senator or representative. During the sessions, you will debate bills written by you or other Girls State Citizens. You are invited to submit one bill of statewide significance (No federal issues.) In order for your bill to be considered, you **must** bring 275 copies to be turned in to the government staff during registration on June 11. Sample bills and a form upon

which to write your bill is enclosed. You can use it as a guide or write you bill on it.

Driving to Girls State

You may drive to Valdosta, but as soon as you have unpacked your vehicle, you must turn in your keys and receive a parking permit. We will have designated parking for citizens of Girls State. Failure to turn in your keys and receive a parking permit can result in a parking citation.

Scholarship

Samsung Scholarship: As a delegate, you have the opportunity to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship. If you are a direct descendant of a U.S. wartime veteran, you are eligible to apply. The application can be obtained from the American Legion National website. There will be a link on the Georgia Girls State website no later than February 15, 2023.

Applications must be completed on line by June 11, 2023, which is the first day of Georgia Girls State. NO Exceptions!

Participants may be required to wear masks. We will follow CDC guidelines and Valdosta State University requirements. More information later concerning Covid-19.

Graduation and Inauguration will be held at the Student Union. Search VSU Oak Street Parking Deck. Attendees will park there. It begins at 8:45. Doors open for guests at 8:30.

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Flag Day is June 14. We will dress in patriotic outfits on Flag Day. (Optional)