

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

Information For Units:

SPONSORSHIP: Girls will be accepted for enrollment when sponsored directly by a unit of the American Legion Auxiliary or approved by a unit for sponsorship by another organization. Every unit of the American Legion Auxiliary in Georgia is urged to sponsor one or more citizens to Girls State. It is expected that most of the citizens will be sponsored by units. However, sponsorship of some citizens by civic, fraternal, and patriotic organizations is highly encouraged, provided the citizens are enrolled through a local unit. Any organization wishing to sponsor one or more citizens should contact the president or Girls State Chairman of the unit. Likewise, units are encouraged to contact community organizations most likely to sponsor a citizen. The fee shall not be paid by citizens, parents or any family member of a citizen. All organizations paying citizens' registration fees will be listed as sponsors, and they will receive recognition for full participation in the program. All citizens sponsored by organizations other than units will be selected in the same manner as those sponsored by Auxiliary units. Enrollment is limited. Therefore, Auxiliary units and other organizations desiring to sponsor citizens should make plans early to do so, sending fees at the earliest convenient date.

SELECTION OF GIRLS: A statement to be signed by the president of the sponsoring unit and high school principal, certifying that qualifications and requirements have been met, will be required for each girl selected. It is recommended that selection of girls be made in each case by a committee, consisting of the high school principal or counselor, unit president and the Girls State chairman, in addition to the head of any other organization sponsoring the citizens. Girls State is intended for the most outstanding girls, from the standpoint of leadership, character, and scholarship in the high schools. Only those girls who will enthusiastically devote their **FULL TIME** to increasing their knowledge, while at the same time advancing the whole Girls State Program, should be chosen.

REGISTRATION FEES: *The registration fee of \$195 is to be paid by **April 8, 2005**.* If a unit has not selected the girls it intends to send by April 8th, the registration fees for the number of girls to be sponsored may be sent, then the **NAMES AND PICTURES** of the girls may be sent by **May 20th**. This fee includes everything the girls will need while at Girls State, including meals, housing, manuals, medical attention, health and accident insurance. **IT DOES NOT INCLUDE SPENDING MONEY.**

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE: Citizens must report to Kennedy Hall on the campus of Georgia Southern University between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12 and they will depart on Friday, June 17 at 1:00 PM. Graduation is June 17, 2005 at 8:00 AM. Guests are invited. **Units sponsoring the citizens must be responsible for providing transportation, and definite arrangements for the trip from Statesboro to the hometown of the citizens are made well in advance of the departure date, with each citizen, of course being notified. NO LUNCH** will be provided on **Sunday**; citizens should make arrangements with their families or the persons bringing them to Georgia Southern. **Once the citizen has registered, they are not allowed to leave to go eat lunch. Make sure you have eaten before arriving on campus.**

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 **WILL BE SENT TO EACH CITIZEN AS SOON AS THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE SPONSORING UNIT. Do Not Delay in sending in their applications. The forms (especially the medical forms) must be filled out in a timely manner. Also, as the Girls may submit a bill, the bill has a deadline for submission to the Director.**

GIRLS STATE STORE: Girls State has a store. A citizen must purchase a \$5.00 Consumption card for use at the Girls State Canteen. The girls are allowed to shop at the store during free time. Please tell the girls about the store.

ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE TO: American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, 3035 Mt. Zion Rd., Stockbridge, GA 30281 (678)-289-8446. You Can Email the Director At: gagirlst@bellsouth.net.

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 23 - 30, 2005. All expenses of the two young ladies will be paid from the Girls State Fund. (NO spending Money)

We will accept substitutions up to the last minute, provided they are approved by the unit and the high school principal or the high school the delegate will be representing. However, there will be NO refunds on Girls State Registration Fees.

*****IMPORTANT REMINDER TO CITIZENS*****

If You Have Not Received Your Packet Of Papers From Our State Headquarters By June 1st, Please Contact Us At 678-289-8446 Or At The Email Address Listed Above. This Packet Includes Very Urgent Information And Papers, Including Your Form For Your Medical Examination, Parents Waiver And Your Girls State Pledge. (These Must Be Turned In As You Register On Sunday.)

WEB: More information is available at www.georgiagirlsstate.org