



September 2018

American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State will be held at Bethel University in St. Paul June 9 – 15, 2019.

Units are encouraged to make every effort possible to sponsor eligible young women to participate in the program. The registration fee for Girls State is \$300.00 per girl.

If you haven't budgeted to send a girl to Girls State this year, please consider doing so. There are NO restrictions on the number of citizens any Unit may send to American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State. If there are no high schools in your community, you may want to consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring a girl(s) from the junior class in a neighboring community. There are over 500 public, private, and home schools that receive information about our program. This information is sent out in January and it is the Girls State Chairman's responsibility to contact your local schools to inform them that your Unit would like to sponsor a girl(s) to Girls State.

**RESERVATIONS ARE DUE INTO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE BY MARCH 31, 2019.**

The name(s) of your citizens are due to the Department Office no later than May 1, 2019. Units may sponsor as many candidates as they choose. Units may seek financial support from outside of the Auxiliary from such sources as The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, Lions club, businesses, rotary groups, local law firms, parent/teacher organizations, parents, etc. however, the Unit remains the official sponsor for each participant and makes the final selection of its applicants. Charitable gambling funds may also be used for Girls State.

If your Unit has never sponsored a girl to Girls State, I challenge you to consider doing it this year. It is one of the best investments a Unit can make in the future of our young people.

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