



**Department of Minnesota**  
**November 2025 Unit Mailing**  
**MN American Legion Auxiliary**  
**Girls State Chairman, Wanda Prescher**

**Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State**  
**June 14-19, 2026**

Fall is finally here! Since many of you were not at Fall Conference, here is the presentation that was given for Girls State.

**Sunday, June 14-Friday, June 16, 2026 at Bethel University**

Will be leaving a day early due to Juneteenth and unable to be at the Capitol on Friday  
Capitol Day will be Thursday, with inauguration at the capital with the Minnesota Chief Justice prior to the House, Senate meetings and Mock Trials.

**Girls State Sponsorship**

Units need to help sponsorship with or without actual recruitment from their school(s)  
14 students approached the committee with how to participate in Girls State. We found sponsorship for them, by talking to units or district chairman.  
Seena Gobena and Ellis Landry who are this year's Girls State Senators, would not have gone to Girls State or Girls Nation. They were 2 of the 14 in need of sponsorship.  
There are girls from communities where we do not have an American Legion Post or Auxiliary Units, we need to get sponsorship for these students, as well as others who come to us

**Recruiting for Girls State**

New video and letter will be sent to schools and units early January. A link will be provided with both for more information on Girls State  
We will have a flyer for you copy and post in your schools, public library, church's, business etc.  
Committee will hold 2 Zoom Sessions for whoever from the schools may have questions about the program. Instagram will be added to help reach this age group. Last year's girls will help with getting info out to their peers using Instagram.

**Electronic Registration – Campwise**

Cut out all paper mailings of packets to units  
Cut arrival day check-in for staff  
Nurse and media office had forms and releases immediately  
New Additions

Units will receive confirmation when student has **completed her entire registration**

Unit sponsorship recognition will go to actual unit sponsoring  
Adding Girl State Staff- info, medical, background check etc.

**New Addition will be the Honor Button and Honor Wall.**

Student will send a picture of a service or veteran family or find in their community to honor.  
Girl State annual will be replaced with the student receiving a link/QR code which they will receive  
ALL pictures and videos that were taken during the week by the media person.

**How Units or Members Can Help!**

Sponsor a snack night during the week of Girls State  
Raise Right Gift Cards – purchase  
ALL-STAR Program  
Recruiting younger gals for staff! Ex-Girl Staters we need you! Would be paired with a senior counselor for the week. We need you for the continuity of the program for years to come!

Thank you to all that work so hard for this program, we are here to help however we can!

**Happy Thanksgiving!**