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See you this summer!



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# What is it?

ALA Minnesota Girls State is a diverse group of young women who share a common desire to learn. From small towns to urban areas, the citizens' diverse backgrounds add spirit to the program. The purposes of the ALA Minnesota Girls State program is to provide Americanism and good citizenship training, and to inform our participants about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of government as practiced in a democratic society.



ALA Minnesota Girls State "Citizens" study the Minnesota city, county, and state governmental processes. Citizens are divided into two fictional political parties gaining knowledge of the operations of a two-party system. They formulate their cities electing the officials and then proceed to elect county and state government officials.

Activities include political party campaigning, caucusing, debating, and voting. Parliamentary procedures are also used in the processes. We are proud to feature a variety of speakers during the week. Past speakers have included: Mayor of White Bear Lake Jo Emerson, Stearns County Attorney Janelle Kendall, State Auditor Julie Blaha, Secretary of State Steve Simon, and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, as well as Gold Star families, veterans, and first generation Americans.

# Requirements

- ★ She must have completed her junior year of high school in a Minnesota public, charter, home school, parochial or private school or be a resident of Minnesota and have at least one more semester remaining prior to graduation
- ★ She must demonstrate an interest in American government and have a high scholastic rank. She must have high moral character with strong leadership abilities
- ★ She must be a citizen of the U.S. or have legal residency
- ★ She must have no marital status (National ALA Mandate)
- ★ She must not have attended any other ALA Girls State session
- ★ She must be physically healthy and able to live independently
- ★ She must respect the American flag and be willing to pledge allegiance to it



June 14th to June 19th  
at Bethel University in  
St. Paul, MN

# Objectives

To develop leadership and pride as American citizens, to educate citizens about our system of government, to instill a greater understanding of Americanism, and to stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government processes

