



Department of Minnesota
December 2025 Unit Mailing
American Legion Auxiliary MN
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American Legion Auxiliary Girls State 2026

Where: Bethel University

When: Sunday, June 14-Friday, June 19, 2026

Sponsorship: Please consider helping with sponsorship whether you recruit from your school(s) or not. There are students that do not have a Post or Auxiliary in their community. We have students who contact us for sponsorship, we will the student(s).

How Units or Members Can Help!

Sponsor a snack night during the week of Girls State

ALL-Star Program, we had great response at Fall Conference! Thank you to everyone that made donations! This will go far in supporting our program!

Encourage past Girl Staters you know to consider being a counselor. Would be paired with a senior counselor for their first time at Girls State.

We have heard from 5 units with their Girl State contact info. Thank you! Please send your units Girls State Chairman info to the following District Chairman.

1 st District:	Wanda Prescher	507-254-0304	w.prescher1951@gmail.com
2 nd District:	Linda Swehla	507-340-5529	dlswehla@bevcomm.net
3 rd District:	Mellisa Carlson	218-289-7057	gmcarlson15gamil.com
4 th District:	Mary French	651-455-1841	kenmaryf@comcast.net
5 th District:	Ramona Nack	612-869-6273	ramona.nack@gmail.com
6 th District:	Krisit Wacker	612-202-5974	kbwacker21@gmail.com
7 th District:	Sandy Wersal	320-354-4517	sandywersal@gmail.com
8 th District:			
9 th District:	Lynn Carr	218-686-8758	lynn624@gmail.com
10 District:	Peggy Tesdahl	612-715-4489	ranpegt0814@hotmail.com

We need to be able to contact you directly without going through unit presidents which have enough to do. You will be informed immediately of any information we have in regard to the Girls State Program.

In this mailing is a flyer and candidate form for units to use immediately in the schools, use the white space to post your unit info.

After Christmas Break, a new video and letter will be going to all units and schools directly through email. Units will need to make sure that the schools are aware and make sure they check their junk mail. Get your last year's Girl Stater to post on their individual media sites! They can definitely help get the info out there to their peers.

Thank you to everyone who gets involved with Girls State! It takes time, effort and passion to make the week of Girls State make a difference in a student's life!

Have a Blessed Christmas with family and friends,
The Girls State Committee

ATTEND MINNESOTA GIRLS STATE 2026

"Girls State was one of the best weeks of my life! I highly recommend any Junior interested to apply!" -Kate O.



**APPLY FOR A
SPONSORSHIP TO
ATTEND!**

Complete the attached
form and return to the
Post or contact us!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Candidate must be in her junior year. She must be attending a Minnesota public, charter, home school, parochial or private school or be a resident of Minnesota.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING:

Attending Girls State is not only an excellent learning opportunity; it's an impressive accomplishment that looks great on a resume. Those who attend leave with life-long skills in leadership & self confidence. Are you up for the challenge?

WHEN:

The Minnesota program will be June 15-21, 2025 at the Bethel University campus in Arden Hills, MN. You must be able to be present the entire duration.

Deadline for applications is February 28

The American Legion Auxiliary
MINNESOTA GIRLS STATE 2026

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Primary Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian E-Mail: _____

High School: _____

High School Activities: _____

Other Activities: _____

Leadership/Service Activities: _____

Attach a short essay explaining why you are interested in participating in Girls State. Your statement can include how you can contribute to or what you hope to gain from the experience. This essay will have significant impact on your possible selection to participate in Girls State.



***APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 28th!***