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REMINDER - MARCH 31ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR GIRLS STATE RESERVATIONS
Please send your \$300 per girl and the reservation form into the Dept. Office today!
Girls State is June 9-15, 2019 at Bethel University

We are eagerly looking forward to our 73rd session of ALA Minnesota Girls State! We set a goal to increase the number of girls who attend and we need your help! The opportunity to learn about state government, the political process, good citizenship and Americanism is a gift only the American Legion Auxiliary can offer young women! It's not too late to sponsor a participant! Reach out to your local high school and your community; consider contacting a neighboring high school, parochial and home school students.

There are students throughout the state who have heard about our program and are looking for sponsorship!

- **Have an interested girl and no funds?**
 - Consider asking your Post or SAL Squadron for assistance.
 - We also have the Department Girls State Registration Fund that can assist units that have a girl and need assistance with funding. This fund can be used by a unit once every three years if funds are available. Call the Department office for more information on this.
- **Have funds but can't find a girl interested in attending?**
 - If your Unit has the funds but don't have a girl to sponsor, please send the money to the Department office and the committee will find a girl for you.
- **How do we pay using charitable gambling funds?**
 - If your American Legion Post is providing the funds for your citizen(s) through charitable gambling, checks are to be made out to the **Minnesota American Legion Foundation** and earmark it **Fund 83** on the memo line. The check should be mailed to the Auxiliary office with the reservation form.

Once you have submitted your reservation and payment of \$300 per girl, you will be sent a Registration Packet. This packet will be sent to the name listed on the Reservation form. There are two items included in this packet that are due to the Dept. Office by May 1, 2019. Our contract with Bethel University requires that we commit to a final number of reservations for citizens and staff on that date so the deadline is very important!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE REGISTRATION PACKET THOROUGHLY
BEFORE YOU SHARE IT WITH YOUR CITIZEN

The Girls State Committee has been working diligently to ensure that our citizens have the best session of American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State yet! We look forward to seeing at least one citizen representing your unit there.

Please remember that there are NO late arrivals and NO early dismissals. The 2019 Girls State session begins promptly at 3:00 pm on June 9th and ends on Saturday morning June 15th around 10-10:30 am.

We will have our Shirt Shack with assorted ALA MN Girls State logo items for sale. There will be a package deal which has been popular with many girls throughout the years.

The 2019 Package Deal is \$50.00

Includes: Choice of Sweatshirt
 Short Sleeve T-Shirt
 ALA MN Girls State Journal

If units wish to purchase any items for their citizens, please send a check from your Unit with your girl to ALA MN Girls State. **The check should be made payable to: ALA Department of MN.** We will be able to accept credit and debit cards for a small transaction fee.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2019 session of ALA Minnesota Girls State please feel free to contact any of the members of the Girls State Committee.

American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State is using the Scrip Program to raise funds to help defray costs and to keep the \$300 registration where it has been. Please consider ordering gift cards online through this program. Information on how to order gift cards is included in this Unit mailing.

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