

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

**OREGON GIRLS STATE BULLETIN
2017-2018**

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Year-end Report Due: May 1, 2018

Please contact me with any questions.

What is this program and why do we have it?

- Develops responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and Country.
- Educates citizens about our system of government by allowing them to run a mock government.
- Instills a greater understanding of American history and traditions, and appreciation for our flag and those who fight to protect it.
- Stimulates a desire to maintain our democratic governmental processes within our republic.

NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

- 1. Instill a commitment of volunteerism and an awareness of the ALA's mission in all Girls State Citizens.**
 - Invite your Girls State delegates (past and present) to participate in service projects with your unit, even if they are not ALA members.
 - Encourage eligible young ladies you know to become involved in volunteer projects in their communities that involve veterans, active military or the ALA.
 - Encourage Unit members to solicit sponsorship through fundraising and/or donations from other organizations or businesses.
 - Increase networking with schools (including charters, private and home schools) that have no active units in their communities.
- 2. Actively encourage all eligible ALA Girls State citizens (past and present) to join the ALA.**
 - Invite all ALA Girls State citizens you sponsor to join your unit. Prepare an "elevator speech" about joining the Legion and ALA, and use it when you are talking to delegates and their families.
 - Promote opportunities and benefits of membership as a resource for volunteerism.
- 3. Increase scholarship/funding for ALA Girls State programs.**
 - Ask other organizations you volunteer with and other veteran, civic or booster organizations to donate to ALA Girls State or to sponsor Girls State Delegates.

- Network with schools that have scholarship money available to sponsor delegates.
 - Ask parents of past delegates to donate to the Girls State program.
 - Invite members to set up a memorial scholarship in the name of a loved one.
- 4. Promote the availability of the Samsung Scholarship.**
- Include a flyer promoting the Samsung Scholarship in your school packet.
 - Identify eligible Samsung scholarship recipients during the interview process and encourage them to apply.
- 5. Utilize the internet, social networking sites, and written media to increase awareness and visibility of ALA Girls State.**
- Use your personal social media accounts and link them to any accounts your Girls State program may have, as well as ALA Girls Nation sites (twitter: @ALAGirlsNation; Facebook page is called: “American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation”).
 - Ask an ALA junior member or other tech-savvy member to do a presentation using different types of social media; have her explain how to set up various accounts. (Be sure to discuss social media etiquette; be sure to discuss safety when using social media sites).
 - Ask your local newspaper to run an article about your ALA Girls State program and delegates. Share the link on your social media sites.
- 6. Stay up-to-date on the latest ALA Girls State programming news and best practices.**
- Sign up to receive the *In the Know eBulletin* and the *ALA eNews* from ALA National Headquarters. (www.alaforveterans.org/Media/ALA-eNews).
 - Maintain regular contact with your ALA Girls State department leaders.

RESOURCES

1. www.alaforveterans.org
2. www.BoysandGirlsState.org
3. Your Girls State Commission:

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TROPHIES AND AWARDS

LOUISE PUGH GIRLS STATE GOVERNORS TROPHY (Renewed in 2009 by Santiam Unit #51)
 A ten (10) year traveling trophy to be awarded to the Unit sponsoring the girl who is elected Girls State Governor. At the end of the decade, the trophy will be retired and will be made a permanent possession of the Unit, which has had the Girls State Governor the greatest number of times. (To be awarded final time 2019 and retired 2020)

ARDIS SNYDER GIRLS STATE TROPHIES presented by Unit #56 (First awarded in 2015, retires in 2026). A framed certificate to be awarded to the Unit sponsoring Girls State Citizens attending Girls Nation.

JULIE WICHMAN presented by Unit #56

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THE VIRGINIA WILLIAMS GIRLS STATE TROPHY Presented by the Unit #29.

A framed certificate will be awarded to the Unit based on the Unit's Girls State activities.

Consideration will be given to Units submitting a supplemental report. Factors to be considered include the Unit's interviewing practices, orientation provided to the delegates, method of delegate selection including: contact with schools, distribution of basic information, public relations, using community financial contributors, the number of Unit members participating in the program, and how the Girls State citizens are included in Unit activities after the close of the session. The supplemental report must be a minimum of 500 words. Copies of publicity and pictures may be included.

The trophy will be awarded at Department Convention and will retire to the Unit whose name appears most often.

GRACE WALKER MEMORIAL TROPHY (first awarded in 2000, renewed 2010) Presented by Medford Unit #15 to the Unit sponsoring the Girls State citizen elected to the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. A ten (10) year traveling trophy. (To be awarded final time 2020, retired in 2021)

KAROL SATTERFIELD SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP TROPHY (first awarded in 2000, renewed 2010)

A ten (10) year traveling trophy will be awarded to the Unit whose citizen is the Samsung Scholarship recipient at the American Legion Auxiliary Oregon Girls State Session. This trophy to be awarded permanently to the Unit whose name appears the greatest number of times. If there is not a Unit who receives it more than once it is to be retired to Department Headquarters for display. (To be awarded final time in 2020, retired in 2021)

SONDRA LINO MEMORIAL FIRST CITIZEN AWARD, A ten year traveling trophy present at the 2012 convention, awarded final time 2022 and retired 2023. The trophy is given to the Unit that sponsors the overall First Citizen at Girls State. This girl is elected from eight who have been chosen in their counties; the Girls State Commission interviews the eight girls and makes their selection from the interviews

DARLENE McLaughlin MEMORIAL SECRETARY OF STATE TROPHY- this is awarded each year to the Unit that sponsors the girl elected to this position (First awarded 2013 final time 2023 and retires 2024).

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OREGON GIRLS STATE PROGRAM; THE GIRLS STATE COMMISSION IS ALSO HAPPY TO HELP IF YOUR UNIT NEEDS ANY SUPPORT IN CONTACTING SCHOOLS AND/OR RECRUITING DELGATES FOR THE 2016 GIRLS STATE SESSION.

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FAMILY FIRST!!!

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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR UNIT ACITIVIES AFTER THE **2017** GIRLS STATE SESSION

1. What have you done with your Girls State program to encourage membership in the ALA? _____

2. How many Girls State delegates are you sponsoring for the 2018 Girls State session? _____.
3. Did you utilize and turn in the 2017 Girls State Interview Questionnaire when interviewing delegates? _____.
4. Did your Girls State program initiate a mission-based activity in 2017-2018 (i.e. Did your delegates volunteer at any unit activities before or after their attendance at Girls State?). _____ . If "yes" what were the activities? _____
_____ How much money was raised and/or how many veterans benefited from the activity? _____.
5. Have any of the delegates you sponsored joined the ALA or ALA juniors in 2017-2018? _____. How many? _____.
6. What is the total number of volunteer hours spent on your Girls State program in 2017-2018? _____.
7. Are there any changes that you would like to see to the Oregon Girls State program? _____

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Unit Name and Number: _____
Unit Chairman Name: _____
Chairman contact info: (email/ph #) _____

If you have a supplemental report to enter for THE VIRGINIA WILLIAMS GIRLS STATE TROPHY it must be postmarked by May 1, 2018. (See report requirements above).

Thank you for reporting!