

Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State:

What is it?

Why should you attend?

Who else will be there?

What will you gain by attending this program?

Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a program that is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. If you are chosen to attend this program, your local Auxiliary Unit 430 will sponsor you.

If you are chosen to attend Iowa Girls State, you should consider it an honor, as you are only one of 320 high school Junior girls from across the State of Iowa, who are chosen to attend this program. Your Auxiliary Unit 430 will pay your entire registration and program fee with no cost to you. You will be expected to attend the entire session and if you have to leave the program for any reason other than an emergency, you will be expected to reimburse the registration fee back to your Auxiliary Unit. If you find that you cannot fulfill your obligation as a delegate to Iowa Girls State prior to attending the session, you should contact your Auxiliary Unit immediately to let them know that you cannot attend. If time allows, another delegate may be chosen to go in your place.

Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a "learning by doing" program that will take you from the grassroots of our political system through city, county and state government. You do not have to have any prior knowledge of government or politics to attend this program. In the "learning by doing" program you will actually learn as you are campaigning, debating, electing and working your way through the different levels of Iowa's own governmental process. Much of your time will be spent working this political process, however there will be other activities that you will be involved with. You will glimpse a small portion of what college life will be like. You will hear many speakers who will excite you, motivate you, and share valuable information with you. You will learn what it is like to make new "best" friends. You will learn to challenge yourself and go above and beyond what you thought your capabilities were. You will learn that with all these "experiences" you will reap great rewards, receive greater knowledge and gain more confidence in yourself.

If you are chosen to attend Iowa Girls State, you should receive an invitation to attend an orientation session in your area sometime in April or May. Please make every effort to attend this orientation session. If you do not receive an invitation to attend a session, contact your local Auxiliary Unit to determine an orientation session scheduled in your area.

This year's Girls State will be held June 16-21 on the Drake University campus in Des Moines. Neatness is very important. Please make sure to print clearly on the application or consider typing your responses on a separate paper referring to the question numbers.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAN FRID 16th TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 430, P.O. Box 511, Durant, IA 52747

DURANT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 430

GIRLS STATE APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parents _____

1. What are your personal interests and hobbies?

2. What is your major area of interest in the high school curriculum?

3. Please list extra-curricular high school activities in which you participate.

4. Please list non-school activities in which you participate (community, religious, 4-H, work experience).

5. Have you received any honors (school, religious, community)?

6. What qualities do you have that would make you a good member of Girls State?
