Scholarships

ALABGS citizens that have successfully completed the immediate past session have the opportunity to apply for the following scholarship opportunities.

★ **Samsung American Legion Scholarship:**
Awarded to qualified citizens who are descendants of United States wartime veterans. Selection criteria includes academic record, community involvement, school activities and financial need.

★ **American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Scholarship:**
Citizens that completed the immediate past session of American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State and will be attending a school of higher education are eligible.

★ **Eileen Knox Memorial Scholarship:**
One scholarship to be awarded in the amount of $500 with special consideration given to applicant who is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

★ **Harry & Shirley Kuehl Foundation Scholarship:**
One scholarship to be awarded in the amount of $500 to a delegate/citizen who attended the immediate past American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Session. Award to be chosen from the current ALABGS scholarship applicants.

For more information, check out the www.alabgs.org website or email alabgs.scholarship@gmail.com

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Badger Girls State

Government & Leadership Conference

A program of
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
Since 1941

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) is designed to train future stateswomen in the science of government and to develop their leadership skills.

The program has over 500 participants yearly and continues to be a premiere program of the Department of Wisconsin's American Legion Auxiliary.

ALABGS does not discriminate against race, creed or color.

WHAT IS AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BADGER GIRLS STATE?

The entire delegation will become a fifty-first state and will function according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Each day will focus on the various aspects of state government.

Citizens "learn by doing" as they function on city, county, and state levels by electing officials in the manner prescribed by regular election procedures and conducting business on those levels. Every citizen is encouraged to participate in some level of the governmental process.

The ALABGS government and leadership conference is designed to educate citizens on the function of government. Delegates should come prepared to apply themselves to the program.

PURPOSE

- To develop leadership skills
- To instill pride as American citizens
- To educate citizens about our system of government
- To instill a greater understanding of American traditions
- To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government process

DATES/LOCATION

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is held beginning the third Sunday of June and has been hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus for more than 20 years. Citizens are housed on campus and all meetings are held in various campus buildings

SPONSORS/TUITION

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the ALABGS Program through the support of the American Legion Family (The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders), civic organizations, service clubs, businesses, and school groups. Financial contributions may pay all or part of a citizen's tuition. The tuition fee covers housing, meals, and study materials but not transportation.

GIRLS STATE HISTORY

The Girls State program was organized as a national Americanism activity by the 1937 National Convention. The first Girls Nation session was held in Washington D.C. in 1947. The program is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship.

The entire program is a non-partisan, non-political attempt to teach and instill in the youth of America a love of God and country.

Wisconsin launched American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State in 1941 with 138 citizens participating.

The American Legion Auxiliary is working to keep patriotism a part of the education of every child, patriotism that teaches love of America through knowledge of how our state governments operate.

The legacy from those Auxiliary members who chartered the first Girls State remains. The lessons learned at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State enable these young ladies to become more informed citizens in how their state government functions.

As a community, we commit to a shared future by working together, valuing each other, and actively participating in creating a positive and inclusive environment for all.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

The American Legion Auxiliary encourages the sponsor and the high school work together to select students to attend American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State by evaluating potential leadership qualities of the delegates. Prospective delegates must meet all of the following criteria before being considered a candidate to attend American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State:

- Be enrolled in the junior year of a Wisconsin public, parochial or private high school or home school whether the candidate resides in Wisconsin or a neighboring state.
- Be interested in government and citizenship.
- Be academically eligible and recommended by their school to participate.
- Have outstanding qualities of leadership, good moral character, cooperativeness, dependability and participation in extracurricular activities.
- Fitness (walk about 6 miles a day)

HEALTH

The week at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is strenuous-requiring emotional stability and physical stamina - with much cross-campus movement and long hours of group activity.

ALABGS ORIENTATION

Delegates, alternates, parents, school personnel and sponsors are strongly recommended to watch the orientation video. There will be online question and answer sessions (in the spring) where parents and delegates can ask questions the orientation did not answer. Session dates will be posted to the alabgs.org website.

VISITORS

Parents, friends, contributors and sponsors are invited to attend the Opening Assembly on Sunday, the Careers and College Fair and Inauguration on Thursday (followed by a reception), and the final General Assembly on Friday.