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November 2022

Dear High School Principal/Counselor,

SUBJECT: American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State session will be held at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh campus, Oshkosh, WI beginning Sunday, June 18th and ending Friday, June 23, 2023. This will be our 78th session of promoting this Americanism program and we sincerely hope that your school plans to participate this year.

Your school's sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit or Post has been sent the 2023 Badger Girls State Reservation and Informational packet. A representative from that Auxiliary Unit or American Legion Post should be contacting you regarding your schools plans to participate. They will then complete and submit a reservation form (with the sponsorship fee) to Department Headquarters in Portage by the deadline date of January 31, 2023. **IF YOUR SPONSOR HAS NOT CONTACTED YOU BY HOLIDAY BREAK - OR IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO SPONSOR'S YOUR SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE.**

To help you promote the program with ALL YOUR 11th GRADE GIRLS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE HOME-SCHOOLED, we've enclosed the ALA Badger Girls State brochure and a publicity poster for you to display. The poster is intended to plant the seed and peak student interest in the program while providing them with contact information and the brochure will give them the opportunity to read about the program, discuss it with their parents and decide whether they would like an opportunity to represent your school. Please feel free to make copies. You may also check out the video about ALABGS on our website (www.alabgs.org).

Delegates must attend the ENTIRE week of ALABGS session. If they arrive late or leave early, they will not be recognized as having completed session. They will not be eligible to apply for ALABGS scholarships and should not list ALABGS on their college applications.

In February, a registration packet containing full instructions and materials your delegate(s) as well as alternate(s) will need to complete online registration will be sent to **sponsored** high schools.

Please help us update our database, by emailing Carrie Thrasher at alabgs@amlegionauxwi.org, as to who receives registration information for your school.

NOTE: SCHOOLS BEFORE STARTING THE SELECTION PROCESS MAKE SURE FUNDING FROM YOUR SPONSOR HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT.

It is most important to include your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit in on the choice of your delegate, so they too have contact information for these delegates and alternates should something happen after the school closes for the summer and before ALABGS Session begins. If you have any questions about registration, contact Carrie (at Dept. Headquarters) at 608-745-0345 or alabgs@amlegionauxwi.org.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have questions. If I'm unavailable, direct your call or e-mail to one of the following committee members:

- Danyelle Thompson, Chairman- Phone: 920-379-6489 ♦ email: alabgs.chairman@gmail.com
- SuAnn Pagel-Rast, Vice Chairman – Phone: 715-572-4733 ♦ email: alabgs.vicechairman@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

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JUNE 18-23, 2023
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH



Open To All Eligible High School Junior Girls
Learn And Put Into Practice State Government
Strengthen Your Leadership Skills
A Unique Educational & Scholarship Opportunity
A Chance To Meet Awesome Girls From Around WI

**CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR
VISIT THE ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE WEBSITE:
WWW.ALABGS.ORG**



Timetable

ALABGS has its own website: www.alabgs.org

November: Promotional materials: Principal/Counselor letters, Brochure, Promotional Poster, Prospective Delegate (selection) form. This mailing gives the school the date of the session and promotional material for their eligible 11th grade girls.

January 31: Deadline for the reservation form along with (\$400.00) sponsorship fee.

February/March: Registration material is sent to (**SPONSORED**) high schools. This mailing includes everything the school needs to register their Delegates & Alternates.

April 1: Delegate/Alternate Online Registration Deadline.

February/March: 2023 Session Information for Delegates - Available online at the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State website (www.alabgs.org). This online material provides complete session details and all required forms.

Delegates **WILL NOT** get packets mailed to their homes – if they don't have internet access at home, they should ask their counselors to print it for them. If they have questions or problems, they should contact Carrie Thrasher at Auxiliary Department headquarters (608-745-0345) for assistance.

April/May/June: Orientations will be held virtually. Delegate(s), alternate(s), parents, school personnel and Unit members are strongly recommended to watch the orientation video. There are also plans to have online question and answer sessions in the spring where parents and delegates can ask questions the orientation did not answer. Those dates will be posted at www.alabgs.org.

June: **CONTACT YOUR DELEGATE(S) WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF SESSION** – remind her of the session dates, verify she's still planning on attending and ask her if she has any questions regarding the program. This is the best way to make sure your delegate(s) is still your delegate. Forfeiture of delegate fees and most cancellations happen in the two weeks prior to session.

Delegates and Alternates are encouraged to check the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State website for updates: www.alabgs.org

List all Social Studies classes you have had or are now taking, Scholastic and Honorary Awards and all Extracurricular Activities in which you have participated. Be sure to indicate all offices held.

Grade 9

Grade 10

Grade 11

Grade 12 (if applicable)

High School Counselor's Signature: _____

Selection Committee: Following is the point system, which we encourage you to use.

Point System:

Interest, Leadership, Character, Fitness.....50%

1. Candidate is a **Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary**, the sponsoring organization of ALA Badger Girls State (automatic 10% of the 50%)
2. Interest (Social Studies classes should indicate interest in government)
3. Leadership (Class/Club Offices, etc.)
4. Character... High standard of conduct (cooperative, considerate, courteous); good reputation; dependable; truthful; fine ideals; punctual; interest in family and school; willingness to follow rigid rules.
5. Good health and physical fitness.

Scholastic (not the prime point)....upper half of class.....30%

Extra-Curricular Activities.....20%

(Athletics, Clubs, Speech, Music, Knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure/Roberts Rules)



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

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Dear School Counselor:

SUBJECT: American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Opportunities

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) was founded in 1919 to support the work of The American Legion. As the ALA moves into its second century of service, we reflect on the impact we made in serving our timeless mission in the past, but also seek to improve the future. The ALA sponsors volunteer programs on the national, state, and local levels – focusing on the needs of veterans, the military, their families, and our communities. For more than 100 years, our outreach programs have made a difference in neighborhoods across the country. Cumulatively, our members have raised nearly \$7 million and volunteered more than 3 million hours to serve youth, scholarships, and our communities!

ALA members believe that a solid educational foundation is the cornerstone of American freedom. The Auxiliary's Education program promotes and supports students in their desire for continued education beyond high school by offering scholarships. In 2023, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin will offer up to \$27,000 in scholarships to children and grandchildren of veterans. In addition, eligible Wisconsin students may apply for scholarships totaling \$14,500 from the ALA national organization, with an additional \$10,500 awarded to selected participants in the ALA Girls Nation program. Please refer to the actual scholarship applications for qualifications and additional requirements (www.amlegionauxwi.org > Scholarships) and provide copies of the applications to eligible students.

Wisconsin scholarship applications must be sent to a local ALA unit by March 1, 2023 for certification and signature. The unit will then forward all completed applications no later than March 15, 2023 to Wisconsin's Education Chairman Sandra Garlie for judging. If you need contact information for the ALA unit in or near your community, please call our headquarters office at 608-745-0124, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

The Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship must be submitted online by March 1, 2023. All other National scholarship applications must be sent to a local ALA unit by March 1, 2023 for certification. Each local Auxiliary unit will select one winning application and forward it to Wisconsin's Education Chairman by March 15, 2023, who will then judge the unit nominations and select one application for competition at the regional level.

If you or your students have any questions, please feel free to contact Education Chairman Sandra Garlie (sraegarlie@gmail.com). Please note that failure to meet deadlines or submit all required information will result in applications being automatically disqualified.

Sincerely,


Executive Secretary/Treasurer