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November 2023

Dear High School Principal/Counselor,

The American Legion Auxiliary 79th Badger Girls State Session is scheduled for Sunday, June 16th through Friday, June 21, 2024, at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus, Oshkosh, WI. The reservation fee is **\$400.00** per delegate for the 2024 session.

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State reservation packets have been mailed out. Your sponsor should be contacting you regarding your school's 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, 2024. **IF YOUR SPONSOR HAS NOT CONTACTED YOU BY JANUARY 31st - OR IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO SPONSORS 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/about-alabgs. The video can be useful to recruit potential delegates.

We encourage you to invite your sponsor to be a part of the selection committee. This is a wonderful opportunity for sponsoring members to interact with their ALABGS representative(s) before session.

In February, a registration packet containing full instructions and materials that your delegate(s) and alternate(s) will need to register 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. An email with how many Delegate spots have been reserved and the name and contact information of their sponsor(s) will be sent to the school's point of contact. If you have any questions about registration, contact Carrie at 608-745-0345.

Delegates must attend the ENTIRE week of ALABGS session. If they 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.

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
- Jen Leahy, Vice Chairman – Phone: 920-979-3213 ♦ email: alabgs.vicechairman@gmail.com
- Joanie Dickerson, Assistant Exec. Director – Phone: 608-412-0658 ♦ email: bgs.asst.director@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Delores Woolf, Executive Director

ALA Badger Girls State

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JUNE 16-21, 2024
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 and email: alabgs@amlegionauxwi.org.

November: A promotional packet is mailed to high schools which include letters to the school counselor, an ALABGS brochure, an ALABGS promotional poster and the prospective Delegate form. This mailing gives the school the date of session and promotional material for their 11th grade girls.

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

February: Registration material is sent to (**sponsored**) high schools. This mailing includes everything the school needs to register their Delegates & Alternates. Schools are not sent registration material until Department receives registration form & fee.

2024 Session Information for Delegates: Accessible (after February) on the ALA 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 the information for them. If they have questions or problems, they should contact headquarters for assistance.

April 1: Delegates and Alternates must complete online registration.

May: Orientations will be held virtually. Delegate(s), alternate(s), parents, school personnel as well as sponsors 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.

**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:

- A. Interest, Leadership, Character, Fitness.....60%**
 - 1. Candidate is a **Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary**, the sponsoring organization of ALA Badger Girls State (automatic 10% of the 60%)
 - 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.
 - 5. Fitness (walk about 6 miles a day).
- B. Extra-Curricular Activities.....25%**
(Athletics, Clubs, Speech, Music, Knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure/Roberts Rules)
- C. Scholastic15%**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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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 continues 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, ALA outreach programs have made a difference in neighborhoods across the country. In 2022-2023, members volunteered more than 6 million hours and raised over \$14.7 million and 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 2024, ALA-Wisconsin will award up to \$26,000 in scholarships to children and grandchildren of veterans. Qualified Wisconsin students may also apply for scholarships totaling \$23,000 from the ALA national organization and students who complete the 2024 ALA Badger Girls State session may apply for state and national scholarships valued at approximately \$12,500. 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 scholarships: Applications must be sent to a local ALA unit by March 1, 2024 for certification and signature. The unit will then forward all completed applications no later than March 15, 2024 to Wisconsin's Education Chairman Diane Weggen 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.

National scholarship applications must be submitted online by March 1, 2024. National scholarship applications are available at www.amlegionauxwi.org/scholarships.

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

Sincerely,

Bonnie H. Doniak
Executive Secretary/Treasurer