

ALA ALASKA GIRLS STATE PLAN OF ACTION

UNIT LEVEL OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES: Utilize the internet and social networking sites to increase visibility and viability of the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State Program.

Action Steps:

- Increase the visibility of American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State web sites by creating links with other relevant programs in our state.
- Keep an electronic database of all current delegate contact information.
- Invite all participants to join social media sites your unit or Department may operate.

OBJECTIVES: Instill in all American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls state citizens a commitment of volunteerism and awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary's mission.

Action Steps:

- Educate American Legion Auxiliary Girls State citizens about the programs and missions by including "Auxiliary Facts" in every American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State agenda.
- Stress the importance of volunteering and giving back to the community.
- Have a field service orientation for all citizens and incorporate a mission based service project.
- Have unit information and membership applications on site at American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State session.

Objectives: Continue to attract participants and grow the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State programs by keeping them relevant and current. Encourage department to increase scholarship/funding for their American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State program.

Action Steps:

- Units solicit sponsorship/ funding and donations from other organizations to sponsor American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State delegates.

- Apply for grants and have fund raisers to increase scholarships/sponsorships for the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State program.
- Units communicate to all participants of the available college credits.
- Increase networking with schools. (Charters, private, home schooled and all schools that have no active units in their communities).
- Enlist all American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State alumnae to help recruit candidates from their high schools.

Objective: Actively encourage all eligible American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State citizens and alumnae to join the American Legion Auxiliary.

Action Steps:

- Develop a presentation to showcase the American Legion Auxiliary mission, history and relevance to current issues affecting military and their families.
- Promote opportunity and benefits of membership as a resource for volunteerism.
- Actively engage American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State citizens and alumnae to pass on the importance of membership to other eligible family members.

Programs and Activities:

American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State Core Program - American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program in 1937 nearly one million have had the opportunity to learn firsthand how their local and state government works. The program has grown from a few hundred participants to nearly twenty thousand annually. High school girls who have completed their junior year spend an intensive week of study working together as self-governing citizens. These young women learn government by actually creating a mythical state through the elections of public officials on local county and state levels and then by carrying out the duties of these respective offices.

Samsung Scholarship - The Samsung Group, an international electronics company, has endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion.

Eligibility-student must be a high school junior and a direct descendant (i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild or a legally adopted child) of a U.S. veteran who served during war time. Students must participate and complete either an American Legion Boy State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.

An application should be given to each participant of the programs. Each program selects one application to forward to the American Legion Headquarters. These applications become national

finalist and are reviewed by the National selection committee each fall. National winners usually receive a \$20,000.00 dollar scholarship. Each national finalist will receive up to \$1,000.00 dollar scholarship if he/she is not selected as a national scholarship winner.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation - Two girls are selected from each American Legion Auxiliary program to attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program each year. American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation "Senators" meet for a week in Washington D.C., where they run for political office, campaign for the passage of legislation and meet with Congressman and Senators from their states. Capping off the week of American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nations is a possible meeting of the President of the United States at the White House. This year, American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation will be held from July.

Resources

- American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program and Operations Guide-can be found at www.ALAforVetrans.org
- www.boysandgirlsstate.org
- American Legion Auxiliary Girls State face book page: www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionAuxiliaryGirlsState
- American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation face book page: www.facebook.com/ALAGirlsNation

American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State will be held June 5, through June 11, 2021 at the Elk's Camp, Sutton AK. A staff meeting is scheduled for June 4, 201821. We will need volunteers for Senior and Junior counselors, kitchen staff and day advisors.

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