

American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls state is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and responsible for the character and success of her government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.

TO ELABORATE- American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State is easily classified as a Leadership Action Program where qualified female High School Juniors take part in a practical government and to impress upon them the fact that their government is just what THEY make it.

TO SUMMARIZE- American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State is an objective citizenship-training program, which inculcates individual responsibility to the Community, State and Nation. It is operated on the basis of the political government organization existing in Alaska, including all levels from the Municipality to the State.

OBJECTIVE OF American Legion Auxiliary Alaska GIRLS STATE:

Quite naturally, a program of this scope encompasses many objectives all of which are important. We outline those which we, the American Legion Auxiliary, feel, are the most important and for which we strive the hardest.

- A. To develop civic leadership and pride in American Citizenship: It is our earnest hope that each young lady attending American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State will return to her community as better citizen and that we will have aroused in her a desire to demonstrate this fact by her willingness to make her community a better place in which to live.
- B. To arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of our government. Here we desire to create more than just a passing interest, but a desire for lifelong knowledge.
- C. To arouse in the young citizen a determination to maintain our form of government: This we attempt to accomplish in many ways but primarily by bringing them into the full realization of how wonderful it is to be an American.

D. To develop in the young citizen of American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State a full understanding of our American Traditions and belief in the United States of America: Here we desire to impress upon the young mind, in the strongest manner possible, the glorious traditions which have made this country what it is today.

SPECIAL NOTE: The final two objectives need no embellishment in that they are taken from the immortal Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

E. To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation.

F. To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.