



The American Legion Auxiliary is extending its administrative year through our 2021 National Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please save your 2019-2020 reports and add the great work you will continue to do throughout the 2020-2021 year.

## 2019 – 2021 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan ALA Girls Nation

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## What is this program and why do we have it?

American Legion Auxiliary units in all 50 states proudly host ALA Girls State, an amazing week of learning, focused on responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and Country. Participants are assigned to mock cities and to a political party, with most states using the “Federalist Party” or “Nationalist Party.” They are immersed in learning about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and actively running a mock government. Assistance from dedicated ALA volunteers ensures the program’s nonpartisan governmental, patriotic, and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Though the week is filled with many learning opportunities, there is always time for fun and the formation of long-term friendships.

Two girls are selected from each ALA Girls State program to attend ALA Girls Nation. ALA Girls Nation “senators” meet for a week in Washington, D.C. where they run for political office, campaign, debate for the passage of legislation, and meet with U.S. Congressmen and Senators from their states. Capping off the week of ALA Girls Nation is a possible meeting with the President of the United States at the White House. This year, ALA Girls Nation will convene July 24-31, 2021

Please consider sending one or more members of your ALA Girls State staff to the ALA Girls State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. The valuable aspect of this conference is the networking of other ALA Girls State volunteers who share their ideas and best practices from their own programs. Please check back later for possible dates.

## ALA Girls State Reporting:

### Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department ALA Girls State chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2021** to the division ALA Girls Nation chairman, plus copy the national ALA Girls Nation chairman.

### Annual Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department ALA Girls State chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2021** to the division ALA Girls Nation chairman, plus copy the national ALA Girls Nation chairman. Members and units should follow their department’s protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

### *Special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Program Facts:*

The first ALA Girls States were recorded as starting as early as 1938 and now is held annually in every state in the nation. The first ALA Girls Nation President elected was George Ann Hicks from a little college town in Oklahoma and her dream was to have ALA Girls Nation be expanded to a Girls World, with girls from around the world attending. George Ann also recognized that would be difficult to do as ALA Girls Nation is structured after the U.S. form of government and other countries have different forms of government.