

April 2026

Dear Girls State Delegate Welcome:

This is the first Girls State mailing you will receive with information on the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Program. Further information on the Girls State Session, May 31st to June 7th, 2026, will be sent to you during the first week of May.

Check List for Information:



Please check your name and email address if you use a school account, we need a personal one. If you did not include a parent email, please do so. Please **confirm by email** if there is a spelling error, whether you have a new address and that you got this email. This information becomes the data base and will be used in the handbook and when sending you information. We want the information as accurate as possible and will track each girl's response. Send emails to ... registration@azgirlsstate.com...by **April 25th**.



In this packet you will find information to apply for the American Legion Samsung Scholarship. **If eligible**, please follow the directions and fill out the application completely. You will **bring a hard copy** of the completed application with you to Girls State. It is not mandatory that you apply for this scholarship to attend Girls State. **You need to start early as you will need to review the required documents and provide what is asked for in the instructions. Specifically, the requirement to submit a standardized weighted GPA and supporting documentation from school authorities.** This cannot be completed after **school is out**.



Some of you still have missing information (**shirt size...many of you have checked two sizes and you will only be given one size, questionnaire, checked boxes, signatures, social media policy, your picture or your fee amount**) your card is **INCOMPLETE** and cannot be processed fully. Please respond when called or emailed what is requested **ASAP** or before **April 25th** to assure you have a complete application. Most of you are complete and I have been working with schools and your parents to get needed information.

If needed--Please send missing information to:

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Girls State Orientations will be held again this year. Orientations are highly recommended and for some Units mandated that you and a parent/guardian attend to fully understand the program, receive helpful information and be able to ask questions. If you are unable to attend, your parent/guardian or other family member may do so for you. Your Auxiliary Sponsoring Unit will invite you to attend and respond to number provided. Most of you in the Phoenix area are being contacted about the two that will be held in May. Other Orientation Area

dates are listed, and you will be notified by sponsoring Unit. If you are **not assigned** to a Unit, or have not been notified by May 1st, please call me (520-850-1951) or Department Headquarters (602-241-1080). All Orientations have the same material and information provided. We will have **parts** of the Orientation on the Girls State website at www.azgirlsstate.com **after May 29th** as refresher information only and too late for what has to be done before attending. That is why we ask you to open **immediately** any information sent to you. Alternates are asked to attend orientations in case they take the place of a delegate that is unable to attend. **Any updated information will be placed on the Girls State website.**



In your next packet there will be a health paper that needs to be filled out between **May 1st and May 30th**. This is not a physical but a well check-up (eyes-ears-nose-throat) to make sure you are able to attend. Prior sports physicals are not accepted unless they are done within the time frame required by our insurance. The health paper may be completed by any **certified health care provider**. It is a check-up not a complete physical. We suggest making an appointment now and not waiting. All information will be handed to one of the registered nurses we have on staff at registration. Please do not send in any health items. Nurses will call if there is a question from your application that needs to be met prior to Girls State.

Please use this check list to make sure you have all the needed information completed, emailed or returned by date required. Missing information could result in registration issues, hold-ups and incomplete data base used for elections and awards. Please make sure you open all emails from Girls State **immediately when received and respond accordingly and by deadlines**. Important information is always enclosed that will make the Girls State process go smoothly for you.

Please check the Arizona Girls State web site at www.azgirlsstate.org for latest and most current information on the program. It is currently under construction but will be up soon.

Thank you for your assistance, it makes a difference. Looking forward to meeting each of you at Girls State.....**THE BEST STATE IN THE LAND.**

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American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State
Director