



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
MAGNOLIA



ELECTIVE OFFICES FOR ALA MAGNOLIA GIRLS STATE

CITY OFFICES—Election for these offices are held at the second City meeting on Sunday night; only internal campaigning in the city is necessary.

- Mayor – The mayor is the chief executive officer of the city. She presides over all city meetings and is generally responsible for the city's conduct.
- Council – Each city elects one city councilman. The Councilman will pass ordinances for the city and assist the mayor.
- Fire Chief – The Fire Chief assists the Mayor in maintaining order and safety of the city's citizens and punctuality of the citizens
- Clerk – The clerk keeps minutes for all city meetings.
- Police Chief – The Police Chief is the city's chief law enforcement officer. She assists the mayor in maintaining proper conduct. The Mayor and Police Chief lead their cities to and from events and meals in an orderly fashion and that all city citizens are accounted for and in their proper place.
- City Planner – She oversees the production of the City Project, enlisting city members to research, plan and write the City Project
- City Whip – She is responsible for the creation of the city's cheers/chants and to keep her city revved up during the week as they compete for Most Outstanding City. **Note: She can run for another office on the county or state level.**

COUNTY OFFICES—Election for these offices are held on Wednesday morning of session; a county is made up of three cities, and ALA Magnolia Girls State has four counties. Campaigning is only necessary among these cities, located in same Residence Hall in close proximity to each other.

- County Supervisor – three per county (12 total)
- Sheriff – one per county (4 total)
- Circuit Clerk – one per county (4 total)
- Chancery Clerk – one per county (4 total)
- Tax Collector – one per county (4 total)
- Tax Assessor – one per county (4 total)
- County Coroner – one per county (4 total)
- Justice Court Judge – one per county (4 total)

LEGISLATIVE—Election for these offices is held at the Monday night City Meeting. Intent to Run is announced at Sunday night City Meeting. Again, only internal campaigning in the city is necessary.

- Senators –Two Senators are elected from each American Legion Auxiliary Magnolia Girls State city. This group sits as the upper house of the ALA Magnolia Girls State Legislature on Thursday of session. Senators introduce, debate and consider legislation. **Each city will write two bills for debate.**
- Senate Pro-Tem—the candidate for Lt. Governor, who did not win the general election on Wednesday of session, will serve in this position and preside over Thursday’s Senate proceedings.
- House of Representatives – Two Representatives are chosen from each city as well. This group sits as the lower house of the ALA Magnolia Girls State Legislature on Thursday of session. These members also introduce, debate and consider legislation.
- Speaker of the House will be selected by her peers at the opening of the House session Thursday. A selected Party Manager will open the House session and preside over the Speaker’s election.

DISTRICT OFFICES--JUCIDICAL—Election for these offices is held on Wednesday morning of session on the County ballot. District lines follow the County make-up, and campaigning is only necessary among the cities of the citizen’s county.

- District Attorney – one per district (4 total)
- Supreme Court Judge – one per district (4 total)
- *The office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will be awarded to the Attorney General candidate that did not win the general election on Wednesday.*
- Appellate Court Judge – one per district (4 total)
- Chancery Court Judge – one per district (4 total)
- Circuit Court Judge – one per district (4 total)

STATE OFFICES/TOP 8—Election for these offices is held on Wednesday morning of session by ballot. All citizens of Magnolia Girls State will vote her choice of candidates for each office (one candidate for each office from each party—Nationalist or Federalist). See Campaign Needs below.

ALA Magnolia Girls State citizens who come to the 2017 session with intentions to run for one of the top 8 offices will be asked to complete a card of intent at the Sunday night city meeting. You will turn in your intent card at your first Party Caucus.

Top 8 candidates will vie for their Party’s nomination during caucuses on Monday. Party candidates will be selected by the Party by close of session on Monday.

- Governor – The position of Governor is the highest elected office at American Legion Auxiliary Magnolia Girls State. One candidate will be elected from each party—Nationalist and Federalist. The general election of the governor is held on Wednesday morning. A Party’s candidate for Governor will give her campaign speech to the citizens of ALA Magnolia Girls State, summarizing her platform at the Tuesday night Political Rally. She usually returns to the next Magnolia Girls State session (2018) to preside until the new governor is sworn in.
- Lieutenant Governor – The Lieutenant Governor serves as chief executive officer of ALA Magnolia Girls State in the event that the person elected governor is unable to serve.

- Attorney General – The Attorney General is the chief legal representative of ALA Magnolia Girls State. She sits on the Governor's cabinet and advises on legal matters.
- Secretary of State – The duties of this position are generally administrative in nature. This office is tasked with keeping state records to recording the official acts of the Governor.
- State Treasurer - The State Treasurer is the chief banker and money manager. The treasurer oversees all of the state's cash savings, debt and investments.
- State Auditor - The mission of the Office of State Auditor is to protect the public's trust by verifying that funds provide to state and local governments are used in a legal and efficient manner for their intended purpose.
- Commissioner of Agriculture – This elected official regulates and promotes agricultural-related businesses within the state and to promote the state's products throughout the state and beyond for the benefit of all citizens.
- Commissioner of Insurance – This elected office is charged with execution of all laws relative to insurance companies, corporations, associations and fraternal orders, their agents and adjusters.
- State Party Secretary (2) – One for the Federalist Party and one for the Nationalist Party. The state party secretaries tally votes at the party caucuses and serve as clerks for the legislature (House and Senate sessions on Thursday).
- State Party Manager (2) – One for the Federalist Party and one for the Nationalist Party. The state party managers preside at party caucuses and serve as Managers for the legislature (House and Senate sessions on Thursday).
- State Party Whip (2) – One for the Federalist Party and one for the Nationalist Party. The state party whip is responsible for the creation of party cheers/chants and to keep her party revved for campaign success!
- **On Tuesday night of Magnolia Girls State session, each party candidate will give a campaign speech (5 min. for Governor; 3 min. for other offices) to all Magnolia citizens. This will be followed by what we call *Whistle Stop*, when each city will be allowed to ask two questions of the Governor candidates.**

- **Top 8 Elected Officials (including both candidates for Governor) will have the opportunity to go to Jackson on Thursday of Magnolia Girls State session to visit the offices of Mississippi's top elected officials. Elected top 8 officials will be sworn into office on Wednesday afternoon of our session.**

Restrictions on Offices

- Running for different government seats may cause conflicts with programming, so restrictions might need to be set in place to make the election process run smoothly.
- A party elected official, i.e., Manager, Secretary, or Whip, MAY NOT run for any other office.

Campaign Materials: Maximum 24 citizens per city

City Offices Needs: Those citizens who wish to seek office to a city position will only need campaign flyers for their city floor—an internal campaign. Idea: Give out campaign cards to each citizen of your floor and ask for their vote in city elections for the office you are seeking.

County/District Offices Needs: Those citizens who wish to seek office to a county or district position will need campaign materials for three (3) cities. These cities will be grouped together in your Residence Hall so you may distribute campaign cards or put up flyers on those city floors in your county/district.

State Offices Needs: The Top 8 Officials have a more extensive campaign area. You will try to reach all citizens of ALA Magnolia Girls State. You may make flyers, poster board signs, yard signs with stands for the Residence Hall courtyard, etc. You may pass out campaign cards to individual citizens that represent your campaign for the office you seek. Be creative—you want citizens to remember you, your campaign slogan and put your face to the office you seek. Have fun with your campaign plan!

MATERIALS: **All campaign materials must be home/hand-made, no professional printing.** Personal computer-generated materials are acceptable, if designed and generated by the participant, with no professional assistance. These may include signs and handouts. Be creative, be unique!

To cause no damage to the university facilities, we ONLY use painters tape to hang signs and flyers. There is a large courtyard between our two assigned Residence Halls. Yard signs are highly visible in this area. If you change the office you are

running for at the last minute, you will need to change your materials. **DO NOT BRING COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS TO GIRLS STATE.**

Dress Code for Top 8 Candidates and Elected Officials:

- Tuesday Night Political Rally (both Party's Top 8 candidates): Dress or Pants Suit
- Swearing In of Elected Top 8 on Wednesday afternoon: Dress or Pants Suit
- Elected Top 8 Visit to Jackson on Thursday: Dress or Pants Suit

(Dresses should be to the knees at minimum; no strapless dresses—professional dress for success!)

Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure

- Justice and courtesy for all.
- Do only one thing at a time.
- The majority rules.
- The minority must be heard.
- Each proposition is entitled to a full and free debate.
- The purpose is to facilitate action, not to obstruct it.

Motions

A motion is a request that business be brought before the assembly.

- A main motion introduces the action “I move that...”
 - Only one main motion may be addressed at a time.
 - A motion must receive a second to have discussion on the motion.
 - If no second motion is received, the motion dies.
 - If a second is received, after discussion, the presiding officer repeats the motion and calls for a vote. The vote is then taken.
- A subsidiary motion is the amending of a motion.
 - A motion may be modified but the main idea of the motion may not be changed.
 - Each amendment must be voted on before action can be taken on the main motion.
- An incidental motion is the business to be disposed of before an action can be taken on a main motion.
- A privileged motion is the action of the assembly.