



ALA MAGNOLIA GIRLS STATE: GIRLS NATION INTEREST FORM

ALA GIRLS NATION (<https://www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Girls-Nation/>)

Every year, two outstanding girls from the ALA Magnolia Girls State program are selected to attend ALA Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. (**this year's program is July 22-29, 2017**). As ALA Girls Nation "senators," you will campaign for political office, craft and debate the passage of legislation, and meet with your real-life counterparts on Capitol Hill. More than 6,500 politically astute young women have attended American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation since 1947. Besides a chance to experience the workings of federal government personally, you will gain further opportunities to sharpen your leadership skills and learn about your American heritage.

A key component of the Girls Nation program involves mock senate sessions, complete with caucusing and debating of bills. You must be able to write a bill and present your bill to the Girls Nation Senate. Remember, the Girls Nation Senate represents the federal government; therefore, it is important that your bill or resolution deals with a topic that falls under the jurisdiction of the federal government. Campaigns are held to elect party officials and a Girls Nation President and Vice President.

In addition to legislative forums, the senators hear distinguished guest speakers and visit the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House and memorials in the D.C. area. The visit to Capitol Hill includes meetings with their state's senators and representatives. The highlight of the week is the opportunity to meet the President of the United States.

If you wish to compete for one of our two Senators spots, **complete the following application form, put it and any supporting documents in a large envelope with your name on it and give it to your Senior Counselor at check-in** on Sunday, June 4 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday afternoon of ALA Magnolia Girls State. Two delegates to Girls Nation will be selected by the ALA Magnolia Girls Nation Committee, as well as two alternates. The Committee's decision is final. If selected as Girls Nation Senators, you will be expected to speak briefly on Thursday night of ALA Magnolia Girls State—Legion Night.

(Print clearly or type, please—please type answers on a separate page, but be sure to have your name on each additional page of this application and staple all pages together before turning in your application to your Senior Counselor.)

Citizen's Name _____

1. Why do you want to attend Girls Nation? (Type on separate page, minimum one paragraph, max of 2 paragraphs)
2. If selected, will you be available to attend the 2017 session during the dates of July 22-29? Yes No
3. If selected, you will be required to submit a bill or resolution for consideration by the Girls Nation Senate. (Attach a type written statement, addressing your idea for bill or resolution and why--a minimum of one paragraph, but no more than three paragraphs.)
4. To what class/student government/club office or position have you been elected?

5. Have you ever given a speech? Yes No
 If so, where and what was your topic?



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6. Of the qualities listed below, pick the top three (3) you believe that best describes you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-reliant | <input type="checkbox"/> High moral character | <input type="checkbox"/> Follow rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-motivated | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive |

For your interview on Wednesday afternoon with the selection committee, you will be asked about your knowledge of the American Legion Auxiliary's mission—who we are, what we do and why we matter.

Also, you will be asked to tell us how a Bill becomes a Law.

Do your research, but remember, your interview only lasts 5 to 8 minutes.

Submitted by:

Printed Name of Citizen

Signature of Citizen