

BEDDING: Two long twin-size sheets, pillow, pillowcase, blanket and bedspread (optional). The Residence Hall room has its own temperature control; however, be prepared if you are cold-natured.

TOILETRIES: Bath towels, washcloths, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, brush, hair dryer, make-up, shampoo, deodorant, and ALL OTHER PERSONAL items that you require.

CLOTHING: One or two dresses and accessories—to be worn for graduation on Friday and/or if you are elected to the top 8 officials. Required outfits for the meeting sessions are jeans, slacks, walking shorts and/or Capri pants, to wear with your Girls State T-shirts. Casual attire, including shorts, will be permitted while in the dormitory only, particularly in the evenings after sessions. NO SHORT SHORTS will be permitted at all. Bring comfortable shoes for walking and a pair of shower shoes. Lastly, we recommend--again if you are cold-natured--to bring a light jacket or long sleeved white shirt to wear under you city shirt, particularly to have for the meeting rooms as they are highly air-conditioned!

MONEY:

- There are vending machines in the Residence Halls, so please bring your own change. Also there will be a snack/convenience type store on site, University Market, open during evening hours early in the week. It is acceptable to bring your own favorite snacks and drinks for your Residence Hall room. Don't go overboard, just what you would need for one week's stay.
- You will be issued two (2) city T-shirts at no additional charge. Additional city shirts are \$5 each. The Girls State Store will have a variety of other logo items for sale, and we do take checks and credit cards. **Please note that junior counselors have “wash parties” at night during the week—to wash your city shirts!** At the end of the session, you will be allowed to buy other colors of shirts, if you desire.
- A room key deposit of \$5 is required for residence hall check-in. Have a \$5 bill in an envelope give it to the university Residence Life staff upon arrival on Sunday. The hall desk is located on the first floor as you enter the building. The cost for a lost key card replacement is \$10, should you lose it during the week. We will provide a lanyard to hold your key card--keep it around your neck at all times. At the end of the week, you will return your key card and pick up your \$5 deposit from your Senior Counselor before you leave campus on Friday.
- You will have an opportunity to visit the University Bookstore and Food Court at some point during the week, located in the Thad Cochran Building which serves as our meeting and cafeteria site.

MATERIALS: Bring all campaign materials, but **remember, all 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 dormitories. **Yard signs are acceptable and highly visible**. If you change the office you are running for at the last minute, you will need to change your materials. Don't forget about blank paper or poster board, markers, scissors and tape (painters tape only). **DO NOT BRING COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS TO GIRLS STATE**. **More information will be sent to you via email regarding offices you may run for at Magnolia Girls State and campaign tips and procedures.**

You will need a notebook, pen, pencils, alarm clock, and a learning attitude. Most importantly, **be sure to bring** your completed Delegate Forms Packet *and completed Scholarship Application, in its own envelope*.

FOOD SERVICE: You will be provided three (3) meals each day—breakfast, lunch and dinner—at the university’s Fresh Food Company, conveniently located in our meeting facility, the Thad Cochran Building. The campus’ premier cafeteria-style restaurant offers a host of options: a bountiful salad and fruit bar, pizza by the slice, grilled burgers and sandwiches, and of course traditional entrees and sides. Options are plentiful, and so is the food. You will go with your city to each meal every day to properly nourish your body and mind.

RESIDENCE HALL: The Southern Miss Residence Halls for the 2017 session--Century Park North, (2901 West Fourth Street, Hattiesburg, MS)--are gated dormitories with private baths for each room (two per room). Also there is a small microwave and refrigerator in each room. We will inspect all rooms before occupancy and again before you leave to make sure no damages were caused or the room left unclean. Southern Miss will levy a \$25 fee for messes left in a room.

MAGNOLIA GIRLS STATE STORE: Our logo items will be available at our Magnolia Girls State store for purchase during the week.

GROUP/CITY PHOTOS: Group pictures will be taken on Monday morning during the session, and you will receive one each of the Girls State group and your city group pictures at no additional cost.

CELL PHONES: You may bring cell phones with you to Girls State; **HOWEVER**, you must have your name on it and turn it in to your Senior Counselor when you arrive. You will be allowed to use the phone when everyone has phone privileges. You **will not** be allowed to receive incoming calls and/or text messages at any time during sessions, should you be allowed to have your phones at those times for educational purposes. Emergency numbers to the Girls State Director and the Girls State Office will be given to your parents/guardian/designated adult contact when you arrive at Southern Miss for check-in.

Again, no phones are allowed in sessions and activities, unless allowed for educational purposes at the discretion of the Girls State Director. Phones will only be allowed for use in the dormitories during “down” time.

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

CIGARETTES: ALA Magnolia Girls State 2017 is **Smoke free**. No participant will be allowed to have cigarettes in her possession.

ALCOHOL/ILLEGAL DRUGS/FIREARMS: Under no circumstances will the possession, or use, of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and paraphernalia, or firearms/weapons be allowed on the university campus. Any delegate caught with these items will be immediately sent home, after University Police investigation.

VALUABLES: Do not bring items of value such as jewelry, cameras, iPods, iPads, Kindles or laptop computers. In other words, do not bring anything that might be tempting because of its value. The American Legion Auxiliary Magnolia Girls State and The University of Southern Mississippi will not be responsible for the loss of said items. Besides, you will not need them during the week you are at Girls State, so please leave it at home.