



TO: ALL UNIT PRESIDENTS

FROM: THE ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE PROGRAM

SUBJECT: ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE REGISTRATION FOR 2026

The 83rd session of the American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State program will be held this year from May 24-29, 2026 at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. The **tuition per delegate is \$300** for this session and may be paid by the school, your local American Legion Auxiliary unit, or other sponsors (local businesses, clubs, and organizations).

Once again this year, we will be completing the nomination of students and student registration will be completed online. **You will continue to make the same phone calls and/or emails with the local schools you have in the past.** All schools in Arkansas will be receiving a similar notification from us, so they will be expecting your unit's continued involvement.

PLEASE NOTE: In the past, adherence to registration deadlines have been somewhat relaxed and flexible; however, this will no longer be the case due to a change in registration software and management of the database. If your Unit is directly involved in registering delegates to attend Girls State, please assist them and the school(s) you represent by following the steps below. We are asking each Unit or school to submit the name of their nominated delegates – **BY MARCH 27**. Here is an overview of our registration process:

- School officials and/or ALA unit representatives will register themselves as points of contact for their schools through the Google Form they receive via email OR on the Girls State website: www.arkansasgirlsstate.com under the School/Unit Contact tab.
- Once you have been verified as a point of contact you will receive a password to access the nomination form on the Girls State website: www.arkansasgirlsstate.com under the Nominate Students tab.
- On the nomination form, you will identify your chosen delegate(s). You will need to provide delegates' names, high school, and valid non-school email addresses. You will need the same information for a guardian for each delegate.
- Once this form has been completed, you will be emailed an INVOICE. **It may take up to 3 business days to receive your invoice. This INVOICE along with a check must be received by the ALA office – By May 1.** The INVOICE and check should be mailed together to the address on the INVOICE. If you have additional sponsors that will be submitting payment please provide them a copy of the INVOICE and have them check mark the students their payment should be applied to.
- Identified delegates from the form you provide will be emailed instructions to their provided email address in 1-3 business days after your nomination form is submitted. Student registration must be completed **BY APRIL 10**. In mid May, delegates will receive an additional email with final information, including their assigned political party. If you are concerned about the status of delegate registration, please contact us at argirlsstaterg@gmail.com

Thanks for all you do! Please let us know if you have questions. Additional information and how to guides can be found on our website.