



## MEDIA ALERT

[Applications Now Available for the American Legion Auxiliary Green Mountain Girls State Program through Local American Legion Auxiliary Units](#)

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Montpelier - American Legion Auxiliary Green Mountain Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and civic engagement. Nationally, since the inception of the ALA Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young women have had the opportunity to learn firsthand how their state and local government works in a simulation of their government.

High school girls, who have completed their junior year, are eligible to apply to become an ALA Girl's State program participant. **We will also be accepting applications for those who were eligible to participate last year.** ALA Girls State participants spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens and learning how to participate in the functioning of Vermont's local and state government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens. Participants spend time campaigning for local and statewide office, writing bills, and passing resolutions. Girls also have other ways to be engaged and fully participating citizens of their independent "Girls State." Then they get to put what they have learned to use when they attend a mock-government session at the Vermont State House as part of their ALA Girls State experience. ALAGMGS will be hosted virtually this session.

ALA Girls State is a nationally recognized and prestigious leadership development program for young women throughout the United States. The ALA Girls State network is still alive and well and the acclaim of having attended ALA Girls State will follow participants for the rest of their lives, as well as instill in them the skills necessary to

thrive and excel in today's competitive job market. Participants will look back on this week with fondness and remember their time spent in the "best State in the land."

Expenses associated with this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit, and/or local businesses, and other community-based organizations.

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