

SCHOLARSHIPS

ALABGS citizens that have successfully completed the immediate past session have the opportunity to apply for the following scholarship opportunities.

Samsung American Legion Scholarship:

Awarded to qualified citizens who are descendants of United States wartime veterans. Selection criteria includes academic record, community involvement, school activities and financial need.

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Scholarship:

Citizens that completed the immediate past session of American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State and will be attending a school of higher education are eligible.

Eileen Knox Memorial Scholarship:

One scholarship to be awarded in the amount of \$500 with special consideration given to applicant who is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Harry & Shirley Kuehl Foundation Scholarship:

One scholarship to be awarded in the amount of \$500 to a delegate/citizen who attended the immediate past American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Session. Award to be chosen from the current ALABGS scholarship applicants.



For a list of various other college scholarships, downloadable applications and eligibility requirements, please visit the following websites for information or check with your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

www.amlegionauxwi.org
www.alaforveterans.org



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American Legion Auxiliary BADGER GIRLS STATE

Government & Leadership Conference

Sponsored by:

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Hosted by:

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY, TOGETHER WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE FUTURE

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) is designed to train future stateswomen in the science of government and to develop their leadership skills. The program has grown to over 725 citizens yearly and continues to be a major project of the Department of Wisconsin's American Legion Auxiliary. This program does not discriminate against race, creed or color.

PURPOSE

- To develop leadership skills
- To instill pride as American citizens
- To educate citizens about our system of government
- To instill a greater understanding of American traditions
- To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government process

WHAT IS BADGER GIRLS STATE?

The entire delegation will become a fifty-first state and will function according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Each day will focus on the various aspects of state government.

Citizens "learn by doing" as they function on city, county, and state levels by electing officials in the manner prescribed by regular election procedures and conducting business on those levels. Every girl is encouraged to participate in some level of the governmental process. ALABGS should not be confused with recreational or sport programs.

ALABGS government and leadership conference is designed to educate the citizen on the function of government. Each citizen has been selected by her school and the local Unit. She should come prepared to apply herself diligently to the program as it is scheduled.

SPONSORS/TUITION

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the ALABGS Program through the support of the American Legion Family (Legion, SAL, Legion Riders), civic organizations, service clubs, businesses, and school groups. Financial contributions may pay all or part of a citizen's tuition. The tuition fee covers housing, meals, and study materials but not transportation.

Note: Full program details are provided to sponsors, participating high school and selected delegates.

GIRLS STATE HISTORY



The Girls State program was organized as a national Americanism activity by the 1937 National Convention. The first Girls Nation session was held in Washington D.C. in 1947. The program is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. The entire program is a non-partisan, non-political attempt to teach and instill in the youth of America a love of God and country.

Wisconsin launched American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State in 1941 with 138 citizens participating.

The American Legion Auxiliary is working to keep patriotism a part of the education of every child, patriotism that teaches love of America through knowledge of how our state governments operate.

The legacy from those Auxiliary members who chartered the first Girls State remains. The lessons learned at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State enable these young ladies to become more informed citizens in how their state government functions.



CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

American Legion Auxiliary Units and local high school educators work together to select girls to attend American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State by evaluating potential leadership qualities of the delegates. Prospective delegates **must meet all of the following criteria** before being considered a candidate to attend American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State:

1. Be enrolled in the junior year of a Wisconsin public, parochial, private or home school whether she resides in Wisconsin or a neighboring state.
2. Have an interest in government and citizenship
3. Have outstanding qualities of leadership, good moral character, cooperativeness, dependability and participation in extra-curricular activities.
4. Have a scholastic rating in the upper half of her class.

HEALTH

The week at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is strenuous-requiring emotional stability and physical stamina - with much cross-campus movement and long hours of group activity.

ALABGS ORIENTATION

Delegates, alternates, parents, school personnel and Auxiliary members are strongly recommended to watch the orientation video. There will be online question and answer sessions (in the spring) where parents and delegates can ask questions the orientation did not answer. Session dates will be posted to the alabgs.org website.

VISITORS

Parents, friends, contributors and sponsors are invited to attend the Opening Assembly on Sunday, the Inauguration on Thursday (followed by a reception), Careers and College Fair and the final General Assembly on Friday.

DATES/LOCATION

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is held beginning the third Sunday of June at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus. Delegates are housed in the Gruenhagen Conference Center and all meetings are held in various campus buildings.