

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

BADGER GIRLS STATE

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Dear American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Delegate:

Congratulations – you have been selected to represent your school, local sponsor and financial contributor at the 75th session of the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State, which will be held on the UW-Oshkosh campus, June 17 – 22, 2018.

ALA Badger Girls State is a week of learning more about your local, county and state government. During this week, you will be a citizen of and live in one of fourteen cities, one of seven counties in the State of Badger. Your task or challenge, along with the other citizens, will be to create two political parties, lobbyist group, a Senate and an Assembly. Once officials have been elected and installed, you along with all the other citizens will be operating these three levels of government. This is a lot of government in a short period of time to bring to fruition, but the result is fabulous. You can't imagine the pride that the citizens and staff have as they observe all phases of the State of Badger in full operation. If you have an interest in government and want to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship, this program is for you; if not, pass the opportunity on to someone who is interested.

A complete overview of the ALA Badger Girls State program is presented during program orientations scheduled throughout the state. It is strongly recommended that you and your alternate, parents and/or school liaison attend an orientation close to you (a schedule can be accessed on our website). Before the June session, talk with the senior who attended last year, read the ALA Badger Girls State brochure or go to our website, which describes the ALA Badger Girls State Program in detail. There can be excitement and enjoyment in this learning process and an opportunity to make many new friends.

This commitment should not be taken lightly. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors Badger Girls State with additional financial support received from civic organizations, service clubs, businesses and school groups whom have paid tuition for your room, board and study materials. Should you change your mind and decide not to attend and an alternate cannot be found, not only does the contributor lose their tuition fee but also another candidate misses out on the opportunity you were awarded.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: A letter for Delegate(s), which includes the registration web link has been sent to sponsored schools. **In order to complete online registration you will need to use the information provided in the Delegate letter sent to your school's ALA Badger Girls State representative.** If you have questions regarding online registration, feel free to contact Carrie Thrasher at Department Headquarters.

***(NEW): Each Delegate will be required to pay a \$25.00 Delegate fee upon arrival at UW-Oshkosh.** If paying by check, make it payable to ALABGS. Department will implement a \$25.00 administrative fee for checks returned by the bank.

VERY IMPORTANT: ALA Badger Girls State 2018 Session Information for Delegates will be available online for downloading and printing at www.badgergirlsstate.org. Please read the information carefully and follow all instructions.

THIS ONLINE INFORMATION INCLUDES FORMS YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS NEED TO COMPLETE AND SIGN SO THAT YOU CAN BRING THEM WITH YOU TO REGISTRATION ON JUNE 17.

Samsung American Legion Scholarship: If eligible, 2018 American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State citizens have the opportunity to receive financial assistance through this scholarship. It's awarded to qualified students who are descendants of United States wartime veterans. Selection criteria include academic record, community involvement, school activities and financial need. The online application can be accessed from the American Legion website: www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application.

If you cannot access the Internet from home or don't have a printer, please ask your school to print the information for you.

Sincerely,

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