

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.



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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Department of Wisconsin
Since 1941

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 and certain American Legion Posts are the sponsoring body and pay the tuition fee for a delegate to attend ALABGS. The Delegate's tuition covers room, meals, study materials, etc. but not transportation. Contributors such as civic organizations, service clubs, businesses and school groups can help support the program by paying all or part of a citizen's tuition.

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.



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.

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

It is strongly recommended that all delegates, alternates, school faculty, parents and Auxiliary members attend an orientation course held in various counties around the state. This provides an opportunity for delegates & parents to be educated about ALABGS.

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.

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