

2022-2023 ALA Oregon Girls State Program

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Mid-Year Reports due December 15, 2022

Year-End Reports are due May 1, 2023

Girls State is a nationwide program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary designed to increase attendees' awareness and knowledge of governmental processes while learning about the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship.

Oregon Girls State provides the opportunity for high school juniors who have completed their junior year from throughout the state to learn through the creation of mock governments at the county and state levels. Experiences may include public speaking while campaigning for various public offices, drafting, and presenting bills for passage in the Girls State legislature, serving as a lobbyist to help influence decision-making, participating in mock trials and a wide variety of workshops and presentations by some of Oregon's highest elected officials and other inspirational speakers.

Girls State Delegates will come away with a greater appreciation of civic duty, the American flag, and of the sacrifices made by our veterans. While at Girls State, they will make friends with other exemplary girls from around the state and have a fun week that many have described as a life-changing, influential experience.

Department Year-End Award reports are due to the Dept. Chairman by May 1, 2023

Please submit a written narrative of your Girls State Program. Please include:

- Number of girls sent
- School officials' participation
- Sponsor donations
- Fundraising
- Orientation
- Number of Unit volunteers
- Number of American Legion volunteers if any
- Unit requirements for citizens, such as: assisting with Poppy distribution
- How do you recognize your citizens, such as: a luncheon, dinner, media announcement
- Local City Council Announcement

Girls State Awards List

1. Louise Pugh, PDP: Girls State Governor Award

To the Unit sponsoring the Oregon Girls State Governor

1. Ardis Snyder and Julie Wichmam: Girls Nation Award

To the Unit(s) sponsoring the two (2) Girls Nation Senators

2. Virginia Williams, PDP: Girls State Award

Best narrative report on how Girls State Delegates are selected.

- Contacting the High School or Home School students who qualify. (Home schooled students must have completed their junior year.)
- Distribution of the information in schools.
- Public Relations. (Promoting awareness of the program.)
- Community and or other financial contributions.
- How many Unit members participated in the selection process?
- Interviewing process.
- Method of selecting your delegates.
- Orientation of the delegates.
- Publicity and pictures may be included. (Not required) Remember if you use pictures they need to be labeled with names, where and when.
- Report must include the Unit name, number, name of Unit President and name of Unit Girls State Chairman.

The Girls State chairman and selected judges will determine the winner.

3. Grace Walker Memorial Award

Awarded to the Unit sponsoring the Girls State Chief Justice.

4. Karol Satterfield, Past Girls State Director: Samsung Scholarship Award

To the Unit sponsoring the Oregon Girls State Samsung Scholarship recipient.

5. Sondra Lino Memorial First Citizen Award

To the Unit sponsoring the recipient of the Oregon Girls State First Citizen

6. Darlene McLaughlin Memorial Secretary of State Award

To the Unit sponsoring the Oregon Girls State Secretary of State