

## **2024-2025 ALA Oregon Girls State Program**

Girls State Director, Coming soon!!!at Fall DEC!!

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### **Year-End Reports are due May 1, 2025**

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.

### **Girls State Awards List**

#### **1. VIRGINIA WILLIAMS, PDP, GIRLS STATE AWARD**

Best narrative report submitted on how their delegates are selected.

- Contacting the High School or Home School students who qualify. (Home schooled students, must have completed their junior year.)
- Distribution of 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, when and where.
- Report must include the Unit name, number, name of Unit President and name of Unit Chair.

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

#### **2. LOUISE PUGH MEMORIAL, PDP, GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR AWARD**

Awarded to the Unit selecting the Girl State citizen elected to Governor.

**3. GIRLS NATION AWARDS: ARDIS SNYDER and JULIE WICHMAN**

Awarded to the Unit(s) selecting the two (2) Senators elected to attend Girls Nation.

**4. GRACE WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD**

Awarded to the Unit selecting the Girls State citizen winning the position of Chief Justice.

**5. KAROL SATTERFIELD, PAST GIRL STATE DIRECTOR: SAMSUNG AWARD**

Awarded to the Unit selecting the Girls State citizen chosen as the Samsung Scholarship recipient.

**6. SONDRALINO MEMORIAL, PAST GIRL STATE DIRECTOR: FIRST CITIZEN AWARD**

Awarded to the Unit selecting the Girls State citizen that was chosen as Oregon Girl State First Citizen.

**7. DARLENE Mc LAUGHLIN MEMORIAL, PDP**

Awarded to the Unit selecting Girls State citizen winning the election for Secretary of State.

**Department Year-End Award reports are due to the Department  
Director by May 1, 2025**

**Unit Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **District No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Unit Chairman or President:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit a written narrative of your Girls State Program and attach it to this form.**

**Items to 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