

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2026 GIRLS STATE STAFF?

If you are interested in returning to ALA Oregon Girls State this year as a staff member, please read the following instructions:

1. Complete the *Staff Interest Form*
2. Send all forms to Department for review **NO LATER** than May 15, 2026. *See Below for address.*
3. If you are a Junior Counselor please still fill out the form and still send it to Department (**Under age 17 will not get screened for background**)
4. Underage Junior Counselors will need to fill out an additional form for parents to fill out and send them to Department with the *Staff Interest Form*.

Please write legibly, especially your phone and email information!!!!

Things to know about the Staff Selection Process:

- Serving on the Girls State staff is a very competitive process. Each year we receive at least 30 applications to fill 10-15 staff positions. The evaluation of applications is done on a point basis with priority for JC's given to those elected to high offices that need to return to perform their official duties.
- All steps must be satisfactorily completed to qualify for selection to serve on staff.
- If selected to return as staff, you will be notified by May 30, 2026.
- If you have not heard from us by June 2nd, please contact Girls State Director or Department.
- All first communications will be via e-mail--if your email address or phone number changes, you are responsible to notify Karla Thaler at: ogskarlat@gmail.com
- Appointment to staff includes evaluation of the following:
 - ◆ The *Staff Interest Form*
 - ◆ Receiving a positive review from Senior Staff
 - ◆ On-time submission of the completed *Staff Interest Form*
 - ◆ Content of the completed *Staff Interest Form*
 - ◆ Ability to fulfill the commitment for the entire week
 - ◆ Successful Completion of a criminal background check (over 17) and all waiver forms
- If no timely response is received from potential staff, we will assume a lack of interest and your name will be dropped from consideration
- Communication is critical. The Commission usually makes a preliminary staff selection in May; If you have not heard from us by June 2nd, feel free to contact us. Make sure you provide updated email info if you want to be considered for the 2026 session.

ALA Oregon Girls State Staff Interest Form

2026

Please note that if you are interested in joining our ALA Oregon State this year as a staff member or Jr. Counselor this form must be filled out and sent to Department **NO LATER** than **May 15,2026**.

*Thank you for your interest in joining the Oregon Girls State staff. Girls State will be held at **Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR** on **June 20-27, 2026**. Staff and delegates are housed in a dorm on campus.*

Name: _____
First, Middle, Last

Current Address: _____
Street or Box Number City State Zip

Permanent Address: _____
(If different) Street or Box Number City State Zip

Current Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Are you a current member of the American Legion Auxiliary? Yes or No

If yes, what ALA unit name and Number? _____

If No, Are you eligible? _____

Have you attended an ALA Girls State in the past?

- _____ Yes as a Citizen
- _____ Yes as a Volunteer
- _____ No

If yes, which year (**Citizen or volunteer**)? _____

If yes, who were your counselors (**Citizen**)?

What position are you interested in?

- Junior Counselor Senior Counselor
- Wellness Coordinator

- County Mom
- Registration (**check in & check out**)
- Activity Coordinator
- Whatever is needed

Staff shirt size please mark:

- XS
- S
- M
- L
- XL
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL
- _____ - Other

Please share what makes you qualified for the position(s) selected above?

Have you had any experience in mentoring or counselling? What type, for whom, when and where?

I would like to be considered for the above position(s) at the 2026 ALA Oregon Girls State because:

All staff members must submit to a full background check arranged by the American Legion Auxiliary. ***By submitting this application, you are authorizing OR Girls State to conduct a background check (only ages 18 years & Older).*** _____(initial)

By signing below, I attest the information provided is accurate and that I am physically & mentally capable of volunteering with this weeklong program.

Signature

Date

Return application and a photo to: ALA Dept of OR, PO Box 1730 Wilsonville, OR 97070
Email: alamembership@alaoregon.org

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