



## 2019 ALA UTAH Girls State

**Do you want to attend?  
Do you have questions?**

### **Who sponsors ALA Utah Girls State?**

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic organization serving veterans and their families. ALA Utah Girls State is a nonpartisan program sponsored by the ALA that teaches young women responsible citizenship and instills a deep appreciation for our great nation.

### **What is ALA Utah Girls State?**

ALA Utah Girls State is a week long program created with the purpose of educating Utah's youth about your duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the inner workings of our government at the city, county, state, and national levels. You will "create and run" a state of your own. You will also gain a deeper understanding of our nation, our flag, and those men and women who have served this great country, past and present.

### **When is ALA Utah Girls State? How much does it cost?**

The 72nd session of ALA Utah Girls State will be held at **Weber State University, June 3-8, 2019**. The **fee is \$400.00** which includes housing, meals, supplies and 3 hours of POLS 2920 university credit. You can get sponsors to assist you with the cost, if necessary.

### **What will you do at ALA Utah Girls State?**

We have scheduled speakers, presentations, and fun activities for you. In addition, ...

- You will be assigned to the Nationalist or the Federalist party where you will work together to learn how the party system works.
- You will be assigned to a city named after a past governor of Utah. Each city will be housed together and have a great counselor team who will help your city throughout the week.
- Each city will belong to 1 of 3 counties. Freedom, Democracy, and Liberty; where you will learn how county government works.

With the assignments above, you will have the opportunity to be involved in caucus meetings at all 3 levels of government, and party conventions at the county and state levels. You will elect officers for your party who will run the meetings to nominate and

select citizens who will file and campaign for elected offices. These positions range from mayor to governor to Girls Nation senators, and many offices in between. Those who become representatives and senators will write bills and participate in a legislative session where they will debate and vote on the bills. Those who are elected to city attorney, county attorney, and justices of the Supreme Court participate in a mock trial with real attorneys coaching them. County Commissioners hold their county commission meetings where proposals are presented and voted upon. Each of you will be involved in every activity by either participating or observing the process.

### **Are you eligible? How are you selected?**

The ALA Utah Girls State program is offered to approximately 330 Utah high school girls who have just completed their junior year. You must be returning to school for your senior year. The selection process is handled by the members of the American Legion Auxiliary by contacting each of you who are interested in February or March. You will be selected based on scholastic, leadership, and service accomplishments during an interview that helps us determine your potential to learn and grow from attending ALA Utah Girls State. You will be provided on-line registration information after you are selected to attend.

### **What are the benefits of attending ALA Utah Girls State?**

Besides getting to know wonderful girls from all over the state and gaining an amazing understanding of government, you will be eligible to receive 3 Political Science 2920 college credits from Weber State University. In addition, because the university understands and appreciates the caliber of girls who attend, they also grant numerous scholarship waivers toward attendance at WSU. (Last year over 1 million dollars' worth of scholarships were awarded from WSU to ALA Utah Girls State participants.)

### **What is the fee? When is it due?**

Registration & Administrative Fee: \$400. (includes Political Science 2920 credit fee)  
Fees are due by March 31st with your registration. You may want to determine if your school has any funding available. The ALA members who interview and select you may have more details and ideas of organizations to contact in your area for possible assistance with the fees through donations.

### **How do I get to GS? (Transportation)**

You will be responsible to get yourself to and from Weber State University. We encourage parents to drop you off or to coordinate rides with others from your area. If you drive yourself, you will not be allowed to use your car at all while at Girls State.

### **What GS rules to I need to be aware of?**

The American Legion Auxiliary believes in God and country. We have a convocation daily that will involve prayer. We also Pledge Allegiance to the flag and expect girls to be courteous and respectful during these activities. We require girls to wear dresses or skirts to most activities and meetings. If you do not attend the entire session of ALA Utah Girls State, you do not graduate or receive the university credit.

Due Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>



## **2019 ALA Utah Girls State Interest Form**

Please print or write legibly.

Name:

Address (include city, state, zip code):

Phone number:

E-mail:

School attending:

Why do you want to attend Girls State?

What types of activities/leadership positions have you participated in at your school?

What types of community service have you done?

Do you have any military or veterans in your immediate family?

Use additional paper if necessary.