



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
GIRLS STATE PROGRAM
2023-2024**



Bulletin #1

www.cagirlsstate.org

August 2023

Hello State Interns,

Thank you for serving as an ALA CA Girls State Chairperson! This is always a true team effort, so do not hesitate to give input or ask questions. We need each one of you to make our 2024 session a success!

Unit Girls State Chairperson To Do List:

- If you have not done so already, update your information on the [District and Unit GS Chair list](#).
 - If you have other volunteers assisting with Girls State and would like to receive email updates, please add their contact information on the second tab, “Other Interested Volunteers”.
- Refer to the [2023-24 Suggested Calendar for Unit GS Chairs](#) and bulletins each month.
- Identify a contact at each school sponsored (counselor, teacher for government, debate, leadership) to assist with identifying interested students and passing along information.
 - Consider sharing the [Youth Programs Brochure](#) and/or [What is ALA Girls State](#).
 - Provide the proposed session dates and location: June 25 – June 30, 2024 at Sacramento State.
- Contact me if you have not received reports from any 2023 delegates sponsored by the Unit.
- Request certificates from State Senators and Assemblymembers for 2023 ALA CAGS participants.
 - Verify on the [Reservation list](#), Column E that the delegate attended the entire session.
 - Find the names and contact information for the representative by entering the home address of the Girls State citizen at the findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov.
 - Contact the representatives’ offices to explain the ALA CA Girls State program and request a letter of recognition. Invite the representatives to attend your recognition event and personally present the certificate. Provide the official with the name of the citizen, the name of the program, the location of the program, and the completion date (July 1, 2023).
 - Sample text for certificate:

Name	
To acknowledge your outstanding achievement and representation of your community as a Citizen of the 80th Session of American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State at California State University, Sacramento. I commend your commitment to service, leadership development, and learning the importance of meaningful participation in all levels of government. July 1, 2023	
- Determine how the Unit will pay for the 2024 Unit Enrollment Fee (estimated to be \$525).
 - See [Fundraising folder](#) for ideas.
- Begin thinking about how to identify interested students. See [Candidate Recruitment folder](#).
- Remember to track ALA CAGS volunteer hours from Unit members from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. This number will be asked on the end of the year report.

Next Zoom: Monday, August 21 at 6pm for 1st-year Chairs and 7pm for all Chairs

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82821636174?pwd=bThxRHZ1K2J6SHQxa3REWkFHdEhzUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 2163 6174

Passcode: alacags23

- At the 6pm meeting we will give a brief overview of the program and review the suggested calendar

for Unit GS Chairs. All are welcome to attend, even if you are not a 1st year Chair.

- At the 7pm meeting we will review new resources created by our Candidate Recruitment and Fundraising Leadership Teams and answer questions.
- Both meetings will be recorded for those unable to attend.

NEW address for all Girls State Donations and Fees

- Any donations earmarked for Girls State should be mailed directly to the Department Treasurer:
Kathy Tellyer
American Legion Auxiliary
10400 Twin Cities Rd
Suite 20 #107
Galt, CA 95632
- You may use this [Donation Transmittal form](#).

Resources for Unit and District Girls State Chairpersons:

- [Shared Google Drive folder](#)

Future ALA CAGS Session Dates Proposed to CSU Sacramento (not yet finalized with contract):

- Tuesday, June 25-Sunday, June 30, 2024
- Saturday, June 14-Thursday, June 19, 2025
- Monday, June 22-Saturday, June 27, 2026

National ALA Girls State Leadership Conference: 2024 ALA CAGS Director Valerie Hardy and Chief Counselor Kimberly MacKinney will be attending in Indianapolis September 22-24.

2023 ALA CAGS Session

- All 454 delegates arrived to the session! No one can remember the last time this happened, or if it ever has.
- 443 delegates finished the session. Four delegates left early due to anxiety, three due to illness, three for behavioral issues, and one for a family emergency.
- Compared to 2022 session – 414 delegates registered, 4 drops within 3 days of start program and no alternates registered, 3 no shows, 10 left during the session, 397 delegates finished.
- See [some of the Closing Ceremony Slides](#) to see the work delegates accomplished during the week.
- See the [list of the 2023 ALA CAGS awards and elected state officials](#).

Thank you for all your work!

Allyn Kau, alacagschair@gmail.com, 626-622-2354