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Hello Everyone!

We are very excited to be moving forward with plans for ALA South Dakota Girls State 2023! We are so excited to be planning for the upcoming session in partnership with the University of South Dakota. Here are a few important notes to make now as plans are being finalized.

Information regarding ALA SD Girls State 2023:

- ALA SD Girls State will be held **May 29-June 3, 2023** on the campus of USD in Vermillion, SD.
- Registration fee per delegate is **\$175**.
- Registration forms and information are included in this mailing and will be emailed to all units and school counselors & administrators on **November 1, 2022**.
  - **All information will be emailed to ALA Unit Presidents and District Presidents. If you would like to receive the registration information, please email me a request at [tiffany.french@k12.sd.us](mailto:tiffany.french@k12.sd.us).**
- An informational presentation will be emailed to all ALA Unit Presidents to share at schools and recruitment activities on **November 15, 2022**. This will also be posted again on our website.
- Registration for ALA SD Girls State & Journalism City will be due to the director by **March 1, 2023**.
- Delegate information will be sent via email to delegates on **April 1, 2023**.
- Parent permission/medical release will be sent to parents/guardians on **April 1, 2023**.

That's it! A few big highlights for the upcoming year with set dates, so I am hopeful that we can get information out to delegates and families sooner than in years past!

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. The best and fastest way to contact me is by email, please use the following: [tiffany.french@k12.sd.us](mailto:tiffany.french@k12.sd.us). You are also welcomed to call or text me at the official ALA SD Girls State Phone number – (605) 484-7865. I will be active on this line after the workday (line will be active beginning October 25<sup>th</sup> - typically after 5pm Central Time).

I am looking forward to working with you all to have a great 2023 ALA South Dakota Girls State session!

In ALA Girls State Spirit,

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# American Legion Auxiliary

# South Dakota Girls State

## PURPOSE

Our purpose is to help you understand and appreciate the American form of Government, which includes learning about your rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship. We hope to inform you, through actual participation, of how Government functions on the city, county, and state levels. During the week-long session you will also hear many outstanding people speak concerning their elective or appointive offices in the State.

## BENEFITS

There are many benefits of attending the ALA SD Girls State program:

- Personal Growth & Confidence Builder
- Communication & Public Speaking Skills
- Meeting New People & Building Connections
- Leadership Opportunities
- Hands-on Learning Experience of How Government Works
- Unforgettable Memories

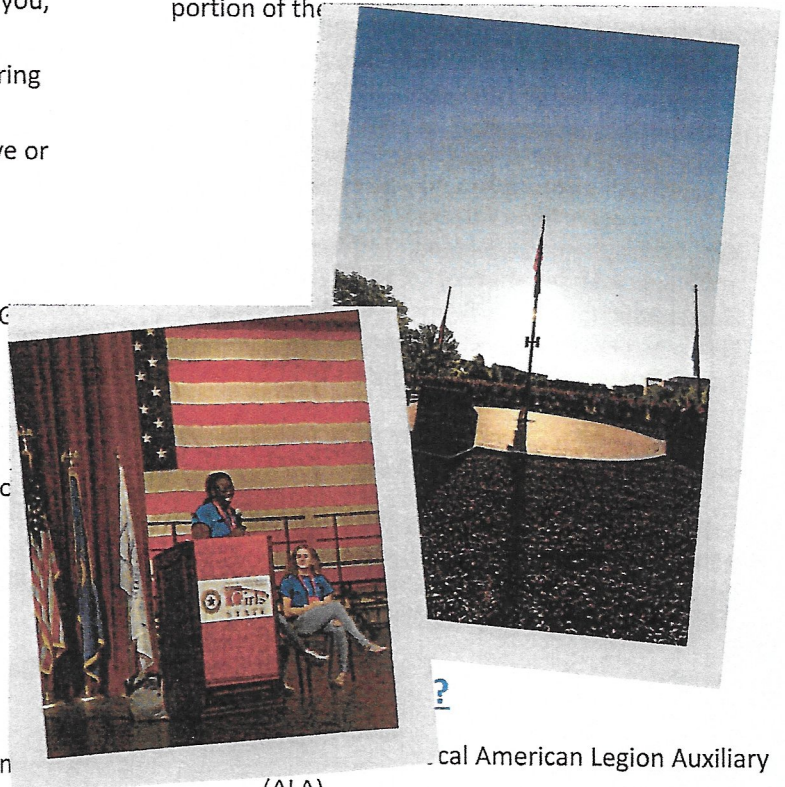
## SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are offered through all universities and colleges throughout South Dakota\* as well as others that are awarded during the ALA SD Girls State Event. A complete list can be found online at the ALA SD Girls State webpage.

- Bonnie Slade Memorial Scholarship
- Helen Gottsleben Memorial Scholarship
- Walter S. "Speedy" Travis Journalism Scholarship
- Samsung Scholarship

*\*Western Dakota Technical College does not have a current scholarship available.*

A large focus of the ALA SD Girls State program is to promote patriotism and the value of being an engaged citizen in your local & state community. Playing an active role in government while building strong personal connections amongst your peers is a pivotal portion of the



1. Contact your local American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).
2. Complete a "State of Interest" and submit to your local ALA.
  3. If selected & notified by the ALA you will complete the Pre-Registration form.
  4. April 1<sup>st</sup> you will receive an email from the Director of ALA SD Girls State with additional information.

## PATRIOTISM & CITIZENSHIP