

American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State Rules

1. No citizen of Volunteer Girls State shall be permitted to leave the campus after registration, except in the case of emergency. Permission must be granted by the Director or Chairwoman of ALA VGS.
2. No one is allowed to be on campus alone, and name badges must be worn for identification at all times.
3. Citizens will show respect to and pledge the American flag and will show reverence to God and country.
4. All citizens and staff members will be treated courteously, with respect and cooperation.
5. All university campus rules must be observed, and all University property must be protected and respected. Each citizen is responsible for the contents, neatness, and condition of her room and is accountable for the University property contained therein.
6. Citizens must attend and must be prompt at all meals, assemblies, and meetings.
7. Citizens may not have any visitors while at Girls State.
8. Smoking and consuming alcoholic beverages is prohibited while at Girls State.
9. Any citizen who is ill or injured must report her condition to her counselor and then be accompanied to the ALA VGS nurse.
10. Any materials used to campaign for office at VGS must be prepared on-site while at VGS. Use of any materials prepared prior to the beginning of VGS will not be allowed.
11. Cell phones and similar electronic devices are generally not allowed during scheduled VGS events. (i.e. assemblies, meetings, or walking between activities). Unless advised differently by counselors or staff, devices may only be used in the dorms during free time.
12. Failure to follow these rules may result in dismissal from the program and require the citizen and/or her parent or guardian to refund the registration fee to the sponsor.

I have read the above rules, and I agree that I will abide by them at all times while at ALA VGS.

Signature of ALA VGS citizen

Print name

Date

I, the Parent or Guardian of _____, have read the rules of ALA VGS. I understand that Volunteer Girls State is not a school-sponsored program, but instead is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary. My daughter has permission to attend and will abide by the rules as presented above. I understand that the registration fee for attending is \$350.00 and it will be my responsibility to repay the fee to the sponsor if my daughter chooses not to attend or does not complete the program. It is my responsibility to notify the Girls State staff at citizen@alavgs.org or 615-823-3783 before May 15, if my daughter cannot attend.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Print name

Date

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Photograph, Video Recording, Media, Written Work, and Transportation Consent Form

1. As a routine part of the Volunteer Girls State program, American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State (ALA VGS) makes photographs and video recordings of most of our program activities, including assembly proceedings, candid shots of various activities, official city pictures, and pictures of certain VGS elected officials, among others. ALA VGS may use these photographs and recordings on our website(s) and in promotional and fundraising materials.
2. For security and privacy reasons, citizens' names generally are not published along with these pictures and video recordings. Exceptions to this general rule include, but may not be limited to, citizens who are elected or selected to certain ALA VGS offices, including Governor, Supreme Court Justice, Speaker of the Senate or House, City Mayor, Best Citizen, Best Essayist, Chorus Member, Girls Nation Senator, and the Samsung Scholarship Winner.
3. Additionally, as part of the ALA VGS program, citizens have an opportunity to participate in certain musical performances and to write essays reflecting on their experience during the week. ALA VGS retains the rights to use such works in whole or in part, without compensation or attribution to the citizen on our website(s) and in promotional and fundraising materials. For privacy and security reasons, any use of such work will not identify any citizen by last name, but may identify a citizen by first name and delegate year. For example, in a brochure about VGS, we may include a quote from a citizen essay as follows: "*Girls State changed my life! – Sarah M., 2016 VGS citizen*"
4. A limited number of program activities may include travel off of the Lipscomb University Campus. Specifically, citizens selected to Chorus will travel to a local Veterans Administration Hospital or similar facility to perform patriotic and other inspiring songs for veterans. If a citizen participates in any off-campus activity while at Volunteer Girls State, ALA VGS is authorized to transport citizens to and from the activity as part of the ALA VGS program.
5. Finally, because of the speakers we attract and the nature of our program, media outlets such as newspapers and radio and television stations frequently visit ALA VGS to cover parts of our program. As part of such news coverage, the photographs and recordings by media organizations may include ALA VGS citizens. Furthermore, these media organizations may ask to interview a citizen about her experience at ALA VGS, and as is always true, any citizen may agree or decline to participate in any such interview.

I understand and agree to all the terms described above.

Signature of ALA VGS citizen

Print name

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Print name

Date