



May 2026

Enclosed please find the following information for the 2026 Girls State Session:

1. Delegate Information Sheets.
2. General Rules for Citizens.
3. Information letter for the Health Care Provider, the Health Paper - must be completed as instructions within the 4 weeks prior to Girls State session. May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. **Health paper is brought with you when you register.** Please attach a copy of the family insurance card if insured. No Health paper is not an excuse not to attend.
4. A Parent Information Sheet...to be given to your parent or guardian. Be sure your parents or guardian know about the instruction sheets and health card. Make sure you have the appropriate signatures.
5. If you did not receive information on the Samsung Scholarship use the following directions.
  1. Go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)
  2. Drop down to Programs and pick up Scholarships
  3. Click on Samsung Scholarship
  4. This takes you to the online application and will walk you through the process.
  5. More information...[scholarships@legion.org](mailto:scholarships@legion.org)

Please note...Some of the enclosed material in this packet is repetitious to make sure that needs of each delegate as to information are met. Please make sure all information is read when email is opened as some items have **DEADLINE** dates that must be adhered too. Please check the Arizona Girls State web site for changes, up to date additions and current information that will be needed for attending.

We look forward to your arrival on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Penny Maklary*

Mrs. Penny Maklary  
Director



May 2026

**INFORMATION FOR PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONER OR OTHER MEDICAL  
PROVIDER OF DELEGATES TO  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE**

Your patient has been selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State on the campus of the University of Arizona, in Tucson, Arizona, May 31-June 7, 2026. We would like to stress that this is a 7-day session which is physically, mentally and emotionally strenuous. The program is structured as a very intense learning situation and involves walking from the dorm to classrooms and around the campus during the day and night.

The American Legion Auxiliary has registered nurses on staff 24 hours a day during our entire session. If your patient develops a problem, which our medical personnel feel deserves the attention of a physician; she will be taken to the emergency room at Banner University Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital or Tucson Medical Center. We have experienced excellent cooperation with these hospitals, and they have been very helpful to our American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Staff, the parents/guardians, and physicians of our Girls State citizens.

Please complete the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State medical form, which your patient has given you and attach an additional sheet if there is any further information that you feel would be helpful. **This is not a complete physical. It is a well checkup to make sure patients are okay to attend the program.** This is why insurance wants the checkup done within 4 weeks of the program.

We request that you advise our medical personnel of any serious past conditions or problems, so we can give your patient any special care she may need. For instance, has the patient ever had rheumatic fever, a problem with nosebleeds or fainting, nervous conditions, etc. Our medical personnel need pertinent information in case treatment is required during her stay at Girls State.

If your patient becomes ill or have any problem immediately before attending Girls State from May 31-June 7, 2026, we would appreciate a release from you stating she is able to maintain the schedule at Girls State. Included in the release, please give us your orders for treatment she should receive for her condition, as well as any trouble signs to watch for.

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for your assistance. Please be assured that all information is kept strictly confidential and in compliance with HIPPA guidelines for camps and shredded after 3 years.

Penny Maklary...Director



**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**

**HEALTH HISTORY:** To be completed by parent or guardian and presented at time of registration to GIRLS STATE.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ WORK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHYSICIAN'S NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**PAST ILLNESSES (please check)**

_____ Measles	_____ Small Pox	_____ Glasses	_____ Contact lenses
_____ Mumps	_____ Diphtheria	_____ Poliomyelitis	_____ Migraines/Headaches
_____ Chicken Pox	_____ Scarlet Fever	_____ Typhoid Fever	_____ Knee
_____ Mononucleosis	_____ Ear, Nose, Throat problems, if yes, describe _____	_____ Hepatitis if yes, type _____	
	_____ Surgery if yes, type _____		

\_\_\_\_\_ Recent illnesses, injuries or hospitalizations? If yes, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dizziness, fainting, convulsions \_\_\_\_\_ Dental appliances \_\_\_\_\_ Ankle \_\_\_\_\_ Joint injuries if yes, \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD ALLERGIES** \_\_\_\_\_ **ALLERGIES** \_\_\_\_\_

During Girls State if treatment is required for minor illness or injury, it may be rendered by staff nurse. In case emergency medical service by a doctor is required and neither parent or guardian can be contacted, do you hereby consent for above named girl to be given necessary medical care as needed by the doctor selected by Girls State? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

Also I give permission to the staff nurse to administer any over the counter medication deemed necessary such as TYLENOL, MYLANTA, TUMS, PEPTO BISMOL, BENADRYL, ROBITUSSIN, COUGH DROPS, IBUPROFEN, MIDOL, SORE THROAT SPRAY, ALLERGY TABLETS, ANTI ITCH CREAM, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT, PEROXIDE, RUBBING ALCHOL.

**Signature of Parent or guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY A MEDICAL PROVIDER within 3 weeks prior to leaving for Girls State.**

**Present State of Health (yes or no)**

_____ Diabetes	_____ Ulcer	_____ ENT problems	_____ Epilepsy	<b>(Current)</b>
_____ Heart Condition	_____ Asthma	_____ Drug Problems	_____ Skin	_____ Throat
_____ Vision Impairment	_____ Lungs	_____ Emotional Problems		_____ BP
_____ Immunizations Current	_____ Date of last Tetanus _____	_____ COVID Immunizations		_____ Pulse

Current medications, dosages, frequency \_\_\_\_\_

Does she have any physical restriction? \_\_\_\_\_

(glasses, contacts, prostheses, etc.)

I certify that I have examined this person and she is in good physical condition. There are no health restrictions that would inhibit and/or prohibit her participation in the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Exam** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Examining Medical Provider**

**INSURANCE INFORMATION (IF INSURED)**

Medical Insurance Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Identification number: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to whom policy was issued: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF THE FRONT AND BACK OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD, (if insured) WITH THIS FORM.**

**Emergency contact if necessary** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL RULES FOR CITIZENS

You were chosen as an outstanding student in your school and community. Please conduct yourself accordingly and always observe the following Arizona Girls State Rules..

Any citizen who violates any rule of Arizona Girls State may be dismissed.

All citizens will be present at **FLAG ADVANCEMENT AND RETIREMENT** unless excused by Director or Nurse.

Citizens are not permitted to leave after they have checked-in and during the period of Girls State except as follows:

1. On organized group trips under the leadership of an Official Advisor with the approval of the Director.
2. With written permission signed by the Director.

Each citizen is responsible for the neatness of her room. Rooms are unlocked while on your floor. Rooms are locked at night if needed and when leaving the dorm. Loss of room key is \$100.00 paid before you leave. Only Girls State Staff, Citizens, and designated University of Arizona Personnel are permitted on assigned floors. Please be discreet - close window blinds when dressing and when preparing to retire.

All citizens are to be prompt at meals, meetings and flag ceremonies.

Sick Call is each morning before breakfast. You may not stay in the dorm during sessions or activities without permission and supervision of a nurse. This policy is for your protection and safety while at Girls State. Please notify your City Advisor if you become ill or have an accident at any time.

As guests of the University, we **MUST** observe all campus rules and take care of all property and equipment. Articles and furniture of any kind shall not be removed, dismantled or changed from one room to another. Citizens will be billed by the University or Girls State, for any damage they are responsible for in their rooms or in other areas of the campus.

Busy schedules do not permit dates or visits from parents and boy or girl friends. The only guests that can be invited to meals are staff members, speakers and special guests of Girls State. Citizens are not permitted to have unauthorized guests in their rooms at any time.

Special request for meals must be made by May 18<sup>st</sup>. All other requests of any nature must be cleared up through the Director prior to the Girls State session.

Arizona Girls State **WILL NOT** be responsible for charges or bills of any kind contracted by Staff members or Citizens of Girls State.

It is advisable to deposit excess funds in the Girls State Bank. Bankers at Girls State are bonded. Girls State will not accept responsibility for any money not banked or lost.

Do Not Bring Valuable Jewelry or Very Personal Items! Girls State will not accept responsibility for lost or misplaced items. Names on items helps if they are lost. Senior staff can assist with securing personal items if asked or necessary. Personal items could be a musical instrument, laptop or I- pad. Girls State has computers and printers for required work.

Delegates are responsible for reporting to the Auxiliary Unit that sponsored them and their school as courtesy. Thank You notes will also be written during session.

Each citizen sleeps in her own bed, in her own room, and should be on her own floor and quiet by 11:00pm "Lights Out" unless schedule or activity says otherwise. "Lights Out" means quiet throughout the dormitory. Auxiliary Staff and Security do room and hall check after lights out and throughout the night. Likins Hall has surveillance cameras for security. Courtesy pays. Girls are not permitted outside the dorm after hours. This will result in immediate dismissal.

All citizens who **MUST** bring a car to the University will be required to park in a designated area and turn the keys into the Director until the end of the session. Please note there is a \$100.00 fee for parking, and the proper person must be notified by May 18th. Since all parking permits are purchased in advance of delegate arrival, all girls requesting permits are responsible for this fee.

Citizen's name is placed on Handbook and other materials. Security is most important. A Photo ID badge is **always worn**.

Citizens will use designated stairs when exiting and entering the building on lower floors whenever possible.

**ANY UNAUTHORIZED FOOD ORDERED FROM ESTABLISHMENTS OR FOOD BROUGHT INTO CITIZENS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** The director will be notified of all deliveries.

Vending machine items may be purchased from the Girls State Store instead of machines for freshness and to make sure you get the product. The store uses VENMO, cash or checks. You may also bring items you like but there are no refrigerators in rooms.

When decorating cities, **NOTHING** is to be placed on hall ceilings due to obstruction of sprinkler system, on the stairs to prevent falls and in the elevators. Entrance doors and windows for sight.

**ANY PEEL and PRESS MATERIAL MAY NOT BE USED TO MAKE CAMPAIGN SIGNS.**

Campaign signs may not be put outside Likins Hall, in stairwells or on the floor. Sign size is limited to 14" x 22". Signs may not be combined to make a larger sign. Each citizen is responsible for removal of her signs. **ALL CAMPAIGN MATERIAL WILL BE MADE AT GIRLS STATE. NO PREFORMED MATERIAL MAY BE USED. THIS INCLUDES HANDOUTS SUCH AS SUCKERS, MONEY, POSTERS, PRINTED CARDS, RIBBON, ETC. NO SPRAY PAINTS OR GLITTER OF ANY KIND IS PERMITTED.** No computer-generated campaign material.

Girls State has a dress code much the same as school. Tube tops, halters, backless tops, **thin** spaghetti straps, high cropped shirts, racer back shirts, T-shirts with inappropriate printed material and lewd or suggestive attire are not worn around the dorm. **Short** miniskirts, **distressed and torn jeans**, low hip hugger style jeans, very short-shorts are not acceptable attire. Each girl will wear the official Girl State T-shirt when on campus. **COMFORTABLE** shoes are needed, as you will be doing a lot of walking. Flip flops can break and leave you without shoes.

Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, weapons or other contraband will not be brought on campus. Violation will result in automatic dismissal from program and possible legal ramifications. Please remember that Arizona State Law prohibits smoking by those under the age of 18 years and the University dorms are designated as non-smoking areas. Vaping is also not permitted. Inappropriate cell phone use will not be tolerated. No pornographic material by cell or internet.

Safety is a prime concern of the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Staff. Therefore, citizens are not allowed to leave the areas of the University of Arizona designated for Girls State usage. Time and area for individual training activities are not possible during the session.

## NITTY GRITTY FACTS

**WHAT:** AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ARIZONA GIRLS STATE

**WHEN:** May 31 to June 7, 2026

**WHERE:** University of Arizona  
Likins Hall  
500 N Highland  
Tucson 85719

**CHECK IN TIME:** A-H 11:00 am  
I-P 12:00 noon  
Q-Z 12:45 pm

**All citizens should have registered before 1:45 pm.**

**LET OFF and PICK UP: Parking lot in back of Likins Hall.**

Please shop, eat lunch or bring it with you before registering. You may not leave dorms once you are registered. Leaving could jeopardize your attendance for the session. Registration is held through back gate, and then you progress to indoor stations. You will line up along walkways around the dorm. Long lines in the sun are possible, so please plan accordingly. Have patience. **Girls traveling together will wait until their assigned time of registration...see time above.** Lost Key Charge...\$100.00

**If for any reason you are unable to attend, please contact the Director as soon as possible. Alternates will be used as replacements. If you do not attend and have not notified the Director, NOT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR, a letter will be written to your school and the Unit that sponsored you.**

**There will be no incoming or outgoing mail.**

**IMPORTANT...PLEASE NOTE...**

**PHONE:** Penny Maklary (520) 850-1951 until **May 28th**...my cell number.

From **May 29th - June 7th** Office at the University **480-296-8516** or  
**520-904-1814 LIKINS DESK (520) 621-0750**  
After hours **Emergency (520) 621-0668.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Notify Penny Maklary by **May 18th** (520) 850-1951

**PARKING:** Notify Cheryl Tincher by **May 18th text** (480) 296-8516  
\$100.00 parking fee due at registration. If you order you pay.

**CITY PICTURE:** **\$12.00**...keep this money out of Bank deposit.  
**\$ 4.00** for funny picture.

**YEARBOOK:           \$12.00...Ordered at Girls State...Mailed during Summer**

**GIRL STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:           \$4.00...paid at Girls State. Helps with Scholarships**

**CHECK OUT TIME:** Sunday, June 7th at the conclusion of the final awards ceremony about 9:30am. Deadline for departure is **10:30am**.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING:**

- ◆ Health Paper...Don't Leave Home Without It! Don't pack it...you will need it at registration.  
Medicine in original bottles.... Enough for the week only.
- ◆ **Samsung Scholarship Application** (if qualified)  
**This is turned in at Registration ONLY.**
- ◆ Bedding (Captains Beds)
- ◆ Proper clothes and shoes...Girls State T Shirts will be given out at registration
- ◆ Personal items
- ◆ Special outfit for "Magical Evening"  
(Nice dress or pant suit...No formals)
- ◆ List of person/s picking you up after session

**GIRLS STATE will be holding a Community Service Project.** Please board games, small diamond art, paint by numbers, puzzle books, colored pencils and pens, adult coloring books or art supplies to give to the Veteran's Hospitals and Veteran's Homes. These will help with rehab and other projects.

**CELLULAR PHONES, TEXT MESSAGING and TWEETING ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING SESSIONS, MEETINGS OR WHEN WALKING TO AND FROM EVENTS...INAPPROPRIATE PHONE USE WILL RESULT IN DISMISAL per Media Policy that was signed. This means TIKTOK challenges and videos too. No use of pornographic calls or videos.**

**Internet...**Public Access is in each room. Other internet connections take paperwork and 3-5 days for processing with the U of A. If you are wireless, you should be able to connect.

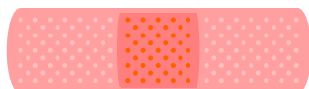
**Girls State Website: [www.azgirlsstate.com](http://www.azgirlsstate.com)**



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER...

When packing, remember you will be living with another girl in your room, and sharing a bathroom with other girls in your assigned City. **You** will be responsible for getting all luggage and personal items to and from your room. We are assigned to Likins Hall. The dorm has only 2 elevators for 6 floors and safety will be practiced. You may want to bring your yearbook or necessary picture of "special" person or persons. You may want to bring: some form of an alarm clock, I-pod or music device and flashlight. Whatever you carry in you have to carry out. You might want to put your name on items in case they are lost.

**BE SURE TO BRING.....BEDDING...** twin sheets for captains' bed (extra-long twin), a pillow, blanket (rooms are air conditioned), or you may want to bring a sleeping bag. **PERSONAL ITEMS...**Towels, washcloths, feminine items (whether you think you need them or not). **COMFORTABLE SHOES...SCHOOL CLOTHES** (longer shorts, capris, walking shorts, slacks or jeans. You will receive two T shirts. See General Rules for what's not acceptable). **IF YOU HAVE**, you might want to bring a lap top or I-pad, computer stick...we have 4 printers...a calculator and small musical instrument if you play one. These musical instruments could be used as accompaniments in Glee Club, as well as the talent show. Backpacks are optional. Vending machine items are sold in the Girls State store. Cold bottled water is also sold in the store at cost to assist with not having to bring or pack these items. You may bring personal food items for the whole week, but rooms **do not** have refrigerators. Food delivery is not permitted from home or food establishments once you are checked in; This means no care packages dropped off at the dorm.



**HEALTH PAPER...**completed within the 4 weeks prior to Girls State by a health care provider. Prior physicals for sports are not acceptable unless done within the four weeks prior. Current physical condition is a must. You will need to attach a copy of Health Insurance Policy Number or Card **if** insured. Lack of insurance doesn't mean you cannot attend. All information is kept confidential by nurses **ONLY** in locked boxes and shredded after 3 years. HIPPA rules are followed.

Anyone not notifying the Director of a major health issue or special need before Girls State, could be sent home. Prior arrangements must be made for necessary accommodation and meals.

**SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP...must be** completed and submitted online by May 31st. Late applications will not be accepted. To get the information use the Arizona Girls State web site [www.azgirlsstate.com](http://www.azgirlsstate.com) or check the May Letter to you.

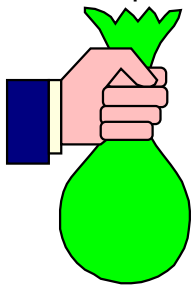
### **CAMPAIGN MATERIALS MAY NOT BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE.**

So... bring materials such as construction paper, colored pens/pencils, glue, scotch tape, scissors, or straight pins, etc. with which to prepare your campaign signs and City decorations. We use painters' tape for your posters.

**ALL CAMPAIGN SIGNS ARE MADE AT GIRLS STATE.** Posted Campaign signs cannot be larger than **14 inches x 22 inches, nothing preformed or with adhesive (i.e. stick-ons, name tags, plastic holders or ribbon).**

No Computer Generated campaign material. **NO PHOTOGRAPHS, BUTTONS, NO PRESS-ONS OR ITEMS TO BE HANDED OUT** (suckers, pencils, etc.). No balloons, **PAINT, SPRAY PAINT AND GLITTER IN ANY FORM** (this includes glitter pens and puff paints) these **ARE A DEFINITE NO!** Anything to the contrary will be removed. If damages occur...responsible party is charged by the University. **Costumes are discouraged as they are preformed or not made at Girls State. IF IN DOUBT ASK.** You may not string together 14 x 22 inch signs to make a larger sign.

**YOUR CITY PICTURE** will be available for **\$12.00 (formal 8X10)** and **\$4.00 (funny 4X6)** for each type of picture. **Keep** this amount out of your bank deposit as it will be collected on Monday evening. We have a "Girls State Yearbook" for **\$12.00** that you register for and receive after Girls State session. We have an Alumni Association for **\$4.00** that assists with our scholarships as well as "Friends of Girls State".



**GIRLS STATE HAS A STORE AND BANK.....** Items for sale in the store will be note paper, personal comfort items, **water**, snacks, cards, flowers and stuffed animals for a start. You can also purchase extra Girls State T-shirts, other Girls State apparel, bumper stickers, blankets, beach towels, and other misc. items. We provide lanyards for keys too. The Girls State Bank will be available to deposit your money for safekeeping when registering. You may withdraw your money

during Bank and Store hours. Bankers are bonded. Girls State is not responsible for money not banked or lost. We use Venmo during the week.

**Art Supplies and Games...**Girls State will be holding a Community Service Project. Please bring a board game, small diamond art, paint by number kit, puzzle books, colored pens and pencils or other form of art supply, your choice of which one. Items will be donated to Veteran's Hospitals and Sate Homes throughout the state to aid with rehabilitation and long day activities. These are to be turned in when asked for by the Mayor of your Girls State City.

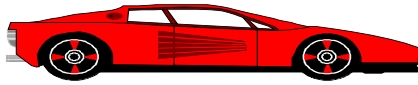
**PARKING PERMITS:** Contact Cheryl Tincher at [cheryltincher@gmail.com](mailto:cheryltincher@gmail.com) by **May 18th**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Call Penny Maklary at (520) 850-1951 by **May 18th**

**GIRLS STATE WEBSITE:** <http://www.azgirlsstate.com> Check for updated information.



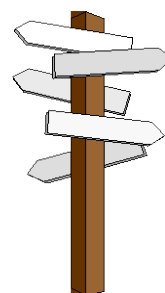
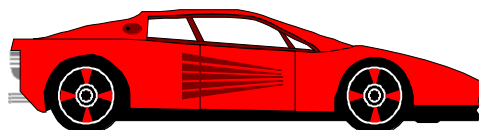
**Due to increased Security** at the University of Arizona **ONLY** registered Delegates, assigned University personnel and certified assistants will be permitted on City Floors. **Parents/Guardians, family or friends WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST** with luggage to floors or help move delegate into assigned room. The same will apply when checking out on Sunday, June 7th, 2026.



## TRANSPORTATION RULES

Due to assignment of dorm and high cost of parking, we highly encourage carpooling this year or other alternatives. If you have friends in the Tucson area you might want to make arrangements with them. Should it be necessary for you to bring an automobile to Girls State, the following rules will apply:

1. Sunday, May 31st, registration will be held at LIKINS HALL. Delegate will arrive on the University of Arizona Campus for Registration at the designated time between the hours of 11:00am and 1:45pm.
2. For those driving to Arizona Girls State and leaving their cars parked...the Parking Fee for the week is \$100.00 and will be paid at registration.
3. Cheryl Tincher must be notified no later than May 18th, if you will be bringing a vehicle so that a Parking Permit may be secured from the University and ready for your arrival. **You are responsible for this fee once the reservation is made whether you use it or not.** Please text **480-296-8516**
4. At registration the delegate will be given her Parking Permit and informed where to park her vehicle. Parking fines are assessed if cars are illegally parked and are the responsibility of the individual registering that vehicle. Arizona Girls State is not responsible for vehicle or contents of the vehicle while parked on the campus of the University of Arizona or in University Parking Garages. The parking garage assigned to us this year is about 4 blocks away.
5. All car keys will be turned into the Director for the duration of the Arizona Girls State session. Make, model, color and license plate number of car, will be required for all vehicles parked during the session. Keys will be returned at the close of the session.
6. Delegate will be dismissed at about 9:30am Sunday, June 7th, and the premises vacated by 10:30am. Delegate will move her own luggage to and from her car about four blocks away.
7. If you experience car trouble on the way to Tucson and will not be arriving by 1:30pm, IMMEDIATELY CALL the OFFICE **520-850-1951** or **480-296-8516** LIKINS HALL 520-621-0750. SOMEONE ANSWERING THE PHONE WILL GIVE US THE MESSAGE. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE GIRLS STATE WEB SITE FOR LAST MINUTE NUMBERS.



## CHECK LIST OF WHAT TO BRING

### ○ BEDDING

Extra long twin...Pillow...Sleeping bag...Blanket

### ○ Personal Items

Towels...Wash cloths...Femine Items...Soap...Hair products...Blow Dryer...Curling Iron

○ Proper clothes and shoes...Girls State T shirts will be given at registration

○ “Magical Evening” ...Dress or pants and blouse

○ Small Diamond Art Sets, Paint by Number, Board Game, Puzzle Books, Adult Color Books, Color Pens or Pencils or any art supplies for use in Veterans Hospitals and Homes.

### ○ Campaign Material

Construction Paper...Colored Pens/Pencils/Markers...Glue...Scotch Tape...Painters Tape...Scissors...Straight pins...Poster Board for campaign signs 14 inches x 22 inches...Campaign signs...Door decorations...City decorations are made at Girls State

○ List of person/s picking you up at conclusion of session

○ Vegetarian or Special Meals notification deadline

○ Parking deadline

○ Backpacks if you think you might need one

○ Health Cards...Signed Policies...Don't Pack Them

○ Samsung Scholarship copy...Turn in on arrival

○ Musical Instrument

○ Comfort Items...Yearbooks...pictures

This is only some of the essential things that you need. Please read the pamphlets, printed material and check the Girls State web site for more information.



May 2026

TO: PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF GIRLS STATE DELEGATE:

Congratulations on your daughter's selection as a delegate to the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State. The Girls State program provides young women of high school age, the opportunity to come together to study state government. It teaches them to understand that they are an integral part of the political process. It helps them realize they have a responsibility to make tomorrow a better time, the world a better place, and that this job is up to them regardless of religious or political beliefs. It gives them the opportunity to live together under their own government, which is executed entirely by them, and to deal with problems as they arise. They will see the political process work effectively or have setbacks. **THE CITIZENS MUST REMAIN AT GIRLS STATE FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION, May 31st UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY, APPROXIMATELY 9:30am, JUNE 7th, 2026, THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS AN EMERGENCY or medical issue.** Girls who leave the program before the end of the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 7th, 2026, will not receive a Certificate of Completion for the program. This is particularly important for those who may be applying for college. Please read carefully all the enclosed information mailed to your daughter so you will be familiar with our program and rules. We would like to stress that this is a 7-day session which is physically, mentally and emotionally strenuous. The program is structured as a very intensive learning situation. It is an **honor** to be selected to attend Girls State **not a right**. If you have an issue or problem with this program, please let me know immediately.

Medical information must be on file with Girls State medical personnel in case of illness or need for emergency treatment. If you or your daughter's physician feels she is unable to enter into activities without ill effects, you should notify me (520-850-1951) or the Department Office (602-241-1080) immediately. If your daughter requires special consideration or assistance due to health issues I need to know that information as soon as possible and **prior to registration** to make necessary accommodations. If I have not been notified of special medical needs or health issues prior to the secession, you daughter may not be admitted. Medical personnel are in attendance 24 hours a day during the session, and medical facilities are readily available. Should an emergency arise, you will be contacted immediately. Special medications, prescribed for your daughter, are to be in original container and checked by our medical personnel upon arrival at Girls State. If there are special instructions, please discuss these with our medical personnel at registration. Please bring **only the amount of medication that will be needed** for the week.

If an emergency should arise at home during the session, please call the Arizona American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Director **520-850-1951**. The American Legion Auxiliary Staff would appreciate being notified first about any family emergency of which your daughter needs to be advised. This will assure that she will have someone with her during this time to better assist with your daughter's needs. If you have any questions or concerns, before or during the session, please contact myself (Director) or Rose Ficklin (Department). Numbers are provided in this information.

Your daughter's **safety** is the prime concern of the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Staff. Therefore, citizens are not allowed to leave the areas of the University of Arizona designated for Girls State. When moving in or out of the dorm, only Girls State participants will be allowed on Girls State floors. Please be advised that you will be billed for any damage to University property, by your daughter.

We are looking forward to becoming acquainted with your daughter, and we sincerely hope this experience will become a positive life-long memory for her.

Penny Maklary...Director

# PARENTS INFORMATION

**WHAT:** ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE

**WHEN:** May 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

**WHERE:** University of Arizona  
**Likins Hall**  
500 N Highland Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona 85719

**LET OFF AND PICK UP:** Parking is behind Likins Hall in the parking lot. We ask that you please use this parking lot for dropping off or picking up. It is close to the area where you will line up to register.

**CHECK IN TIME:**

A-H	11:00 am
I-P	12:00 noon
Q-Z	12:45 pm

**All citizens should have registered before 1:45pm.**

Please have your daughter shop, eat lunch or bring lunch with her before registering. She may not leave the dorm once she is registered. Leaving could jeopardize her attendance for the session. Registration is held through backgate and then proceeds indoors to stations. You will line up on the walkway around the dorm. Long lines in the sun are possible, so please plan accordingly. Have patience. **Girls traveling together will wait until assigned times of registration...**see time above. We encourage girls to call home after they have checked in if not brought by a parent.

**If for any reason your daughter is unable to attend, please contact the Director as soon as possible. Alternates will be used as replacements.**

**PLEASE CHECK THIS INFORMATION.....**

**PHONE:** Penny Maklary (520) 850-1951 until May 28th ...**My Home. After that no one will be answering your call until May 29th.**  
From **May 31st – June 7th** Girls State **Office** University of Arizona  
**480-296-8516 or 520-904-1814 Directors Office**  
Please check Girls State web site for updates and number.

Likins Hall Desk **520-621-0750**  
After hours or Emergency number **520-621-0668.**

**CHECK OUT TIME:** Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of final awards ceremony about 9:30am. Deadline for departure is 10:30am. We need the name of person/s your daughter is leaving with.