

# American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State Code of Conduct

**Expectations of the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State Delegate** *Upon completion of the online application process required by the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Missouri Girls State (MGS) program, I acknowledge following the expectations and rules outlined in the Code of Conduct below:*

1. I acknowledge I am participating in a program focused on democratic process, government, patriotism, and Americanism at my own will. I agree to participate in expected activities during the week but will not be forced into any situation for which I am uncomfortable.
2. I acknowledge I am representing my school and hometown at ALA MGS.
3. I acknowledge I must attend an online or face to face briefing prior to June 7, 2020, or I forfeit my position at ALA MGS.
4. I acknowledge I will have completed my junior year of high school by the session's start date of June 21, 2020. I also agree that I have at least one semester remaining of my high-school career.
5. I agree to abide by the following regulations for safety of all participants, counselors, and staff of ALA MGS:
  - a. I will wear my identification badge at all times when I am not in my dorm room. I also will wear shoes at all times that I am not in my dorm room per University of Central Missouri policy.
  - b. I will not bring, possess, or obtain firearms, fireworks, liquor, drugs, tobacco products (including eCigarettes, vapes, or like product), or any substance declared to be illegal under the Missouri Revised Statutes or the United States Code.
  - c. I will not smoke anywhere on the campus (including dorm restrooms). This includes cigarettes, eCigarettes, vapes, or similar products. The University of Central Missouri is a smoke-free campus.
  - d. I will not steal, deface, or destroy ALA MGS property, the property of another participant, or the property of the host University.
  - e. I will not operate any automobile or other form of non-pedestrian transportation while at ALA MGS. If I drive myself to ALA MGS, I agree to surrendering my keys to the Missouri State Highway Patrol during the week of ALA MGS.
  - f. I will not participate in any self-harming acts or threaten an act of harm to myself or others while at ALA MGS.
  - g. I will travel on campus in pairs or groups only with permission of an ALA MGS staff member or counselor. I will not attempt to leave the dorm after 10 p.m. for any reason without verbal permission from my counselor or ALA MGS staff member.
6. I agree to abide by the following regulations for respect of all participants, counselors, and staff of ALA MGS:
  - a. I will not prevent any other participant, counselor, or staff member from participating in the program.
  - b. I will not use my cell phone during formal meetings, assemblies, or my selected school of instruction without direct permission from a staff member. I understand my cell phone will be confiscated upon causing disruptions to the educational goals of the planned program activities.
  - c. I will not engage in offensive conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: boisterous or rowdy conduct; using lewd, profane, or obscene language; or possessing obscene pictures or printed materials.
  - d. I will not violate the rules of common courtesy, decency, and respect, in my relationship with another citizen or members of the ALA MGS staff, University staff, or visiting speakers and guests. I will conduct myself in an orderly manner, and at all times, practice good self-discipline.
  - e. I agree I will not participate in any act of bullying or harassment. For purposes of this policy, harassment and bullying are defined as intimidation or harassment of a delegate or multiple delegates perpetuated by

individuals or groups. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or damaging property; oral or written taunts, including name-calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; or threats of retaliation for reporting such acts.

- f. I will follow all rules, ordinances, and statutes of the government of ALA MGS; and shall cooperate with all duly elected or appointed MGS officials.
- g. I will honor the purpose of the ALA MGS program by respecting the authority of the ALA MGS counseling staff and will conform to requests made by them in their position. I agree to cooperate with what is being asked by all figures of authority to benefit the goals of the program.
- h. I will be prompt for scheduled activities and events of the ALA MGS program.
- i. I will show respect for the ceremonial events and procedures of ALA MGS including being present at all flag raisings and lowerings and standing during the openings of assemblies (this includes the pledge, national anthem, and invocation/inspirational message).
- j. I will have my binder that contains my manual, schedule, and other ALA MGS material at all times, unless instructed otherwise.
- k. I will care for my belongings and clean up after myself in the dorm and any other areas of the University campus.
- l. I agree to abide by the instructions of my counselor or ALA MGS staff member for lights out each evening. This includes being quiet and in my assigned room at this time.

I understand that if I cannot abide by the expectations set forth in the Code of Conduct, I am subject to dismissal from the ALA MGS program immediately. Any behavioral choices I make that result in my dismissal will be shared with my sponsoring organization and high school. I also may be required to repay the \$300 program fee to my sponsor.

**Expectations of the Parent/Guardian of the ALA MGS Delegate** *Upon signing the printed application required by the ALA MGS program, I acknowledge following the expectations and rules outlined in the Code of Conduct below.*

1. I agree to support the program goals and ideals of ALA MGS. I will support my daughter's attendance during the week of ALA MGS and encourage her to participate fully in program activities and events.
2. I agree to provide personal transportation for my daughter to and from ALA MGS unless coordinated by my local American Legion Auxiliary Unit or District.
3. I acknowledge my daughter must attend an ALA MGS briefing (online or face-to-face) prior to June 7, 2020. Failure to complete this requirement will result in her dismissal from the program.
4. I agree to disclose medical and dietary restrictions and/or limitations to the health staff of ALA MGS prior to June 14, 2020, by contacting [health@missourigirlsstate.org](mailto:health@missourigirlsstate.org). I acknowledge I will have a doctor's signature on my daughter's health form or agree she will not receive over the counter medication.
5. I understand any behavioral action resulting in my daughter's possible dismissal from the program would require me to pick her up from the University of Central Missouri at the ALA MGS Director's Table immediately.
6. I understand the program closes by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27. I will have my daughter picked up by Noon following the session closing. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in my daughter being released to the Warrensburg Police Department and/or the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

I understand if I cannot abide by the expectations set forth in the Code of Conduct, I am forfeiting my daughter's opportunity to attend ALA MGS.