

American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State Code of Conduct – Senior Delegates of the 2021 Session

Expectations of the American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State Delegate: *Upon completion of the application process required for senior delegates 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 my hometown at ALA MGS.
3. I acknowledge I must attend an online briefing prior to June 8, 2021, or I forfeit my position at ALA MGS.
4. I acknowledge I will have completed my **senior** year of high school by the session's start date of June 20, 2021.
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.
 - h. I agree to abide by all safety precautions in place due to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ALA MGS program will align its program expectations with that of the University of Central Missouri. These expectations will be outlined in the online briefing that I will attend but may include mandatory wearing of a mask and social distancing in a variety of settings. If I choose not to abide by these regulations, I understand that I may be sent home.
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 in all of my actions during the week of ALA MGS. My responsibilities include; but are not limited to: respecting the authority of the ALA MGS counseling staff in pre-session briefings and during the session; and cooperating with requests made by all figures of authority, including the ALA MGS counseling staff and University officials, to benefit the goals of the program and to respect the host institution.

- 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 the designated 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 parents, my sponsoring organization, and my 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: *I acknowledge following the expectations and rules outlined in the Code of Conduct below in order for my daughter to be a senior delegate of the ALA MGS 2021 session.*

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 online ALA MGS briefing prior to June 8, 2021. 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 13, 2021, by contacting 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 26. I will have my daughter picked up by 12:00 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.
7. I understand that due to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, I may not have the opportunity to attend special events of the program in person (i.e. registration, Inaugural ceremony, and closing awards). These regulations and expectations will be further explained in the online briefing that my daughter will attend.

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.

****As a Senior Delegate, ALA MGS recognizes that you may be 18 years old, however, you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) will still be required to adhere to all of the same rules and procedures as Junior Delegates of the program.**

Delegate Name (printed): _____ Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____ Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number for emergency contact: _____

Secondary Contact in case of emergency – Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State Delegate Summary – Senior Delegate of the 2021 Session

Senior delegates must fill out this paperwork to inform the ALA MGS program of any changes that may have taken place in your contact information since applying for ALA MGS 2020. Please fill out this information and provide it to your sponsoring school or ALA Unit along with the completed Code of Conduct.

Schools/ALA Units – please include this original and 2 copies in your paperwork that is postmarked by February 13, 2021.

Delegate Information

Full Name (please print): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Personal E-mail Address (must be non-school address, must check often/verify spam folder often to receive updates from ALA MGS):

_____ @ _____

High School Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent 1 Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____ @ _____

Parent 2 Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____ @ _____

Sponsor Information

(to be completed by ALA MGS Headquarters – please leave blank)

Delegate Sent by _____ ALA Unit or School

Unit Number: _____ and/or District Number: _____

Sponsor: _____