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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HAWAI'I GIRLS STATE

For more than 70 years, the American Legion Auxiliary has provided young women with a citizenship training program that is second to none — ALA Girls State.

This unique experience, held every summer across the country, is designed to provide practical insight into how the state government operates, instill a sense of pride in and loyalty to America, and create friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Participants are selected in their junior year of high school and are known as “citizens of the state of Aloha”. This multi-day, resident program is a nonpartisan immersion experience with an inside look into how Hawai'i state government works from legislative action to community influence. The focus is empowering youth with first hand exposure and experience.

A key component of the ALA Hawai'i Girls State program involves mock senate sessions complete with caucusing and debating of bills at the State Capital. Topics ranging from personal to political interests ensure the debates are lively and passionate.



Campaigns are held to elect party officials, including an ALA Hawai'i Girls State Governor and Lt. Governor. Two citizens are then chosen to represent their state at ALA Girls Nation in Washington, D.C., where the focus is placed on federal government.

Since 1947, more than 6,000 politically astute young women have attended ALA Girls Nation. For many, the experience is the beginning of a lifetime of public service. For all, it is an experience that allows them to gain a firsthand perspective on democracy, develop leadership skills, and create a foundation for responsible citizenship.

To Apply: www.HawaiiGirlsState.org



Noelle, 2019
ALA Hawai'i Girls State
Lt. Governor

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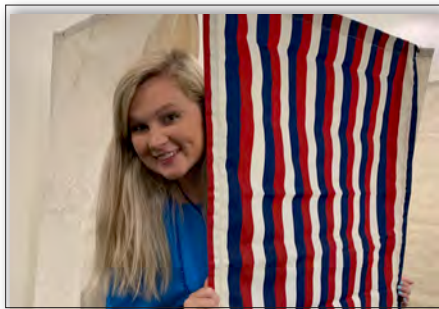
ALA HAWAI'I GIRLS STATE PARTICIPANTS

ALA HAWAI'I GIRLS STATE citizens represent the wealth of diversity in our great state — from ethnic background to family structure, city to suburban to rural, socioeconomic to religion. It is, however, the senators' commonality of intelligence, positive attitude, enthusiasm for learning, motivation for achievement, and belief in democracy that are the driving forces behind the strength of the ALA Hawaii Girls State program.



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— Elysia J.
2018 ALA Hawaii'i Girls State
Senator



“ I had the amazing honor to be Mayor and we got to do skits and cheers to show how proud we are to be a part of Mink City. The we all bonded is the best experience ever. We were able to learn to work together and make new friends.

— Chanah
2019 ALA Hawaii Girls State
Mayor

“ Being selected to be at ALA Hawaii'i Girls State is an honor. Being able to learn about policy and the legislative process changed my entire life.”

— Esther Kia'Aina, 1982 ALA Girls Nation Senator
from ALA Hawaii'i Girls State

“ Being a part of ALA Hawaii'i Girls State helped make me the person I am today. Going to D.C. to represent Hawaii'i was an amazing opportunity .”

—Alexandra, 2019 ALA Girls Nation Senator
from Hawaii'i

“ ALA Girls State improved my confidence with communication. Whether it's public speaking in front of crowds or just voicing my opinion. It's translated to helping me on my journey through West Point. ”

— Kiana Stewart 2015 ALA Girls State

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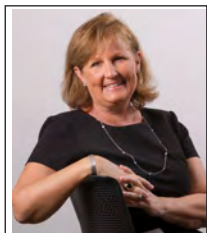
The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is the proud presenter of ALA Hawai'i Girls State. Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary boasts a membership of more than 600,000 members and has a steadfast presence in more than 8,000 communities nationwide.

The strong spirit of voluntarism is a hallmark of the ALA and what makes ALA Hawai'i Girls State such a unique and impressive leadership program. Dedicated members annually raise thousands of dollars to offer this multi-day resident mock government experience to empower our own youth with the recognizing their voice and positive ways to grow in knowledge and influence.

ALAHGS focuses on the ALA motto of *Service Not Self*. And, it's in this spirit that we kukua with our kupuna, share in our aloha and collaborate in ideas and community service.

Together we share the ideals and principles of patriotism and freedom, pledge to preserve and defend the Constitution, and promote allegiance to God and Country.

At ALAHGS we encourage all females that are juniors in high school to apply and we hope that supporters of all ages and backgrounds will continue to find value and want to grow with us and for the future of our country and our world.



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The American Legion Auxiliary Mission

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

"Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono."

"The life of the land is perpetuated in the righteousness."

Adaption of the 1959 Hawai'i State Motto for American Legion Auxiliary Hawai'i Girls State



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