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ALA HAWAII Girls State is one of the state's leading leadership programs for females that are juniors in high school. For one week in the summer the girls gather together to discuss community issues and have first hand experience on how to affect positive change. The sisterhood with community leaders continues throughout the year as they collaborate on philanthropic endeavors and share time to volunteer with grassroots initiatives.

Students will learn first hand the significance and practical application of a civics education through leadership development and consensus building. They will meet inspirational female leaders and become part of a sisterhood for life.

ALA Hawai'i Girls State is a highly regarded youth leadership program that colleges, universities, military schools, and jobs regard with extremely high esteem. It empowers Hawai'i's youth to find their voices for government advocacy and in some cases can count towards college credit..

ALA Hawai'i is honored to bring this program that enhances college applications, sets our youth above average for scholarships and teaches them that government is in their hands.

ALAHGS encourages ALL female juniors in high school to apply, as they are seeking strengths in a variety of areas.

JUNIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL, APPLY by March 1, 2021

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Scholarships of up to \$10,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The ALA Hawai'i Girls State Program is a nonpartisan political learning experience for select female students who have just completed their junior year in high school from all over the state. *Every spring, across the United States, every state carefully selects students to convene in a hands-on, educational opportunity designed to instruct tomorrow's leaders in the privileges and duties of responsible citizenship.*

At the conclusion of the program, they will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor and two delegates will be selected to represent Hawai'i at ALA Girls Nation in Washington, DC where most years include a trip to the White House to meet the President of the United States.

ALAHGS State will be held at Hawai'i Pacific University for one week in June 2021.

Hawai'i's American Legion Auxiliary ran an impressive program from 1961 through 1983 engaging many of the state's current leadership including **Tanya Furtado Alston, Esther Kia'Aina, Bobby Jean Leithead Todd, and Kathleen Vorhies.**

Lisa Hoover, President of ALA-HI and daughter of Pearl Harbor survivor, Sterling Hoover, is honored to continue to offer this program to our state's youth, "We hope that this program will continue to inspire youth of Hawai'i to take on leadership roles in positive ways."

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Backgrounder

Funding

The ALA Hawaii Girls State is a non-profit 501c(19), and all donations are tax-deductible. From the smallest grant to the largest investment, every donation goes straight to the program, as all staff members are volunteers. *We also welcome 'in kind' donations of printing, banners, meals, snacks, t-shirts, etc.*

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To learn more about this program and to fill out an application, please contact us.

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What we do:

Our members do incredible work. On average, each year, they...

- Help nearly 3 million veteran
- Contribute \$36 million toward veterans and military families
- Volunteer 9.3 million hours to support veterans programs
- Contribute more than \$2 million to programs benefitting children and youth
- Volunteer 630,000 hours for active-duty military

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 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.

About the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program

<https://www.legion-aux.org/ALA-Girls-State>

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a marquee program of the American Legion Auxiliary that has been training female students entering their senior year of high school for civil leadership since 1937. Through a four day "simulated government" immersive learning experience, America's future leaders assume roles in fictional political parties, run for and hold offices that mirror Hawai'i's elective offices, learn the fundamentals about the legislative process, the three branches of government, and parliamentary procedure. Chosen students selected from across the Hawaiian islands learn life-long lessons in leadership grounded in civics, teamwork, advocacy, consensus building, and respect. The girls have fun, make lasting friendships, and leave enriched, using what they have learned throughout their lives for the betterment of the country.

