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The 75-year-old program, ALA HAWAII Girls State, is currently **seeking females that are juniors in high school to apply for the limited spots** for this extremely prestigious youth leadership program. Students will learn first hand the significance and practical application of a civics education through leadership development and consensus building.

While many that grew up in Hawai'i might not be familiar with this program, *due to the fact that it was on a 32-year hiatus, this 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.

Hawai'i will accept just over twenty girls in 2019 with most of their expenses paid for (*and scholarships available*).

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

DEADLINE TO APPLY is March 1, 2020
apply online at www.HawaiiGirlsState.org

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.*

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.

These delegates will gather together for a mock government experience to learn parliamentary procedure, campaign, hold rallies, debate and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials. *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 Aloha Tower Campus, June 2020.

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.**

Laura Hashimoto, President of ALA-HI, thrilled by the idea of regenerating the program stated, "We are thrilled at the return of ALA-Hawaii Girls State to Hawai'i in 2016 and hope that this will also serve as a tool to broaden our membership and support to continue ALA Hawaii Girls State throughout time."

The ALA Hawaii Girls State is made possible by the generosity of our supporters, The Women's Fund of Hawai'i, Hawaii Pacific University and the support of Hickam Officers Spouses Club, DKII, Boutiki and the American Legion Auxiliary.

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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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www.alaforveterans.org

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- 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

www.alaforveterans.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.



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