

ALA Tar Heel Girls State
2025
Participant/Guardian Packet Acknowledgement

Please read and fill out the following pages of information.
You will be asked to upload these pages to the online application.

Eligibility Requirements:

We understand and accept the following eligibility requirements:

Participants must:

- Be a junior in high school at the time of her selection and have at least 1 semester remaining in high school
- Be between the ages of 16 and 18 years old
- Be ranked in the top 1/3 of her class academically OR have at least a GPA of 3.0
- Be residents of North Carolina for a minimum of 1 year prior to her selection for the program and be attending high school in North Carolina
- Be a US Citizen or legal resident of the United States
- Be a mature individual capable of setting priorities and be in good physical condition to withstand the week's intense activities and demanding schedule.

Rules, Regulations, and Expectations:

We understand and accept all rules, regulations, and expectations **outlined on page 3** of the Participant and Parent Information Packet.

Including:

- Attend the entire 2025 session, from June 21-27. Failure to do so will result in not receiving a certificate.
- Attend an orientation session to be held virtually in Late May and June, 2025, and complete the Medical Form to be sent in May, 2025. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of tuition as these are due after the non-refundable deadline (June 1).
- Take a serious and conscientious interest in discharging the duties of a citizen of Tar Heel Girls State.
- Read and adhere to the Dress Code and Social Media Policies.
- Understand this is an Americanism program and that it is a study of City and State Government.
- If elected or appointed to office, serve to the best of your ability.
- Abide by the judgment of those responsible for this Americanism program and respect the rights of my fellow citizens and staff.

If the participant fails to function within the rules listed above, she will not be allowed to participate further in the ALA Tar Heel Girls State program. Her parent/guardian as well as her endorsing unit will be notified.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Photo Release for Minors

(Leave blank if you do not consent for your child to be photographed.)

I, being the Parent/Guardian of _____, hereby authorize the American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Carolina and their respective units, as well as the ALA Tar Heel Girls State Staff, to photograph me, take motion pictures of me, take video footage of me, and/or make electronic sound recordings of me (herein referred to as photographic or electronic reproductions) as well as use my name, likeness and city. I authorize the use of any such photographic or electronic reproductions and my name and likeness for any purpose, including, but not limited to, educational and other public media and advertising as may be deemed appropriate by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Carolina for nonprofit public purposes. I understand that I may be identifiable from such photographic or electronic reproduction. I understand that I will not be compensated financially for any such uses.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Social Media Policy

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Tar Heel Girls State (THGS) program recognizes and supports its ALA THGS participants' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of online social networks.

- Everything you post is public information — any text or photo posted online is completely out of your control the moment it is posted, even if you limit access to your social media profiles. Information (including pictures, videos, comments, and other posters) may be accessible even after you remove it.
- Think before you post. If you feel angry or passionate about a subject, it's wise to delay posting until you are calm and clear-headed. Post only pictures and comments that you would be comfortable sharing with the general public.
- What you post may affect your future. Many college admissions officers and employers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments, and posts).
- Similar to comments made in person, you should be respectful online. The American Legion Auxiliary will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:
 - Derogatory or defamatory language and/or images;
 - Comments that create a serious danger to the safety of another person or that constitute a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person;
- Respect yourself; respect others; respect the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.

Any violation of law or of ALA THGS rules, regulations, or policies, or evidence of such violation in your online content, is subject to investigation and possible immediate action by the ALA THGS staff and/or law enforcement agencies. Internal consequences may include, but are not limited to, notice to remove the content and dismissal from the ALA THGS program.

As an American Legion Auxiliary Tar Heel Girls State participant, and the parent/legal guardian of the participant, I attest that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this policy:

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date