

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

CALLING ALL JUNIOR CLASS GIRLS Join us this summer for Tar Heel Girls State! June 9-15, 2024

What is it?

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Tar Heel Girls State is an Americanism project designed to provide rising high school senior girls an opportunity to study citizenship in a democracy with a “hands-on” approach. The program’s goal is to develop a sense of the responsibilities of citizenship within young women leaders. The week is a practical study of the structure and operation of North Carolina state government.

Who is the Program’s Sponsor?

The American Legion Auxiliary is the sponsor of the Tar Heel Girls State program. Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is one of the nation’s most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families.



What would I do during the week?

The week at Tar Heel Girls State will provide you with many opportunities for learning, developing leadership skills, meeting new people, and having fun.

- Participants, we call them citizens, will be grouped in cities to organize their own local government, electing officers, preparing a city charter and conducting city activities.
- Citizens will research and write bills and resolutions for the Girls State legislature.
- Citizens will be a member of a fictitious political party which will develop a party platform, engineer campaigns for party candidates and finally elect a slate of officers to govern Tar Heel Girls State.
- Tar Heel Girls State will host top state officials and outstanding speakers from a variety of fields.

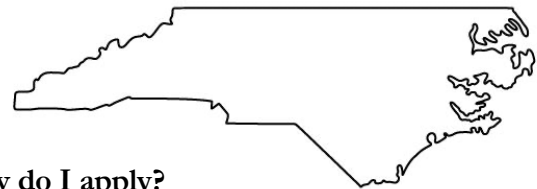
“Never have I been in a place more supportive than ALA Tar Heel Girls State. Everyone involved was so supportive and inspired me to want to change the world! Each girl who participates will undoubtedly take something from the experience. Whether it is how to write and debate bills, cooperate with those across the state, or simply meet amazing young women, ALA THGS is the place to be! It was one of the best weeks of my life!”

– Paige Greene

2023 ALA THGS Girls Nation Senator

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must be a junior in high school at the time of selection.
- Between the ages of 16 and 18 years old.
- Ranked in the top 1/3 of her class or have an unweighted GPA of 3.0.
- Resident of NC for 1 year prior to selection and be currently attending a NC high school.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident of the U.S.



How do I apply?

Applications are available through your local ALA Unit. All participants **must** be endorsed by an Auxiliary Unit or an American Legion Post. Visit www.legion.org to find a local Unit or Post in your area or use the QR code to fill out our interest form.



Sponsorships may also be available through your local ALA Unit or American Legion Post. The registration fee for the 2024 session of ALA THGS is \$400.

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