

2023 American Legion Auxiliary Tar Heel Girls State

June 11-17, 2023 – Location TBA

IMPORTANT NEWS and UPDATES:

- We are in the process of signing a contract for a new location for the 2023 session. This is not finalized at this time, as soon as we are official, we will make an announcement!
- All information for Units, Counselors, and Participants can be found on our website: ALATHGS.com
- If you wish to register more than 10 participants, please email us (ALATHGS@gmail.com) for availability.
- The registration form will be available on our website by January 15, 2023 – this will help us to ensure we have the most accurate information needed by our host site.
- We will host a Zoom meeting on Sunday, December 11 at 3pm to answer questions you may have. To access the meeting, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ALATHGSZoom>

Participation Requirements:

- Participants should be: a member of the **current junior class** of her high school and should be graduating in 2024, in the top 1/3 of her class (use your best judgement for students who do not have class rankings).
- Seek potential participants from public, private, and military schools as well as homeschool students in your area. Don't forget your local Early College High Schools!
- Participants **do not** have to be members of a JROTC program to be eligible to attend. Participants should have an interest in government and parliamentary procedure.
- The cost for the program will be **\$400 per participant**. Tuition checks should come directly from Units and should accompany the enclosed Endorsement Form! No personal checks should be sent to Department Headquarters.

Application at the Unit Level & Program Registration:

- Recruit and select participants via an interview process of your choosing. Remember we are a nonpartisan program. Please ask students about their ability and willingness to be away from home for a week as we had more than the usual number of students go home after the first day in 2022 due to this issue.
- We are asking that you verify GPA and Class Rank **BEFORE** giving the delegate the password to complete the online registration form. You can contact counselors directly or verify on a delegate's transcript.
- After she is selected by your unit, she must register with Department. Please try to avoid using the word application after this point, as they have already been vetted and accepted by your Unit. At this time, funds are collected from the girl, if necessary, and the delegate should be given the password, your Unit Number, and your contact information. She will contact you after she has completed the online registration.
- After all chosen delegates have notified you of their completion of the registration form, please mail your check to Dept. Headquarters with the 2023 ALA THGS Endorsement Form. We recommend providing the delegate with a time frame to complete the registration form – this allows time to verify that she has completed it with the ALATHGS committee before mailing your check to Headquarters.
 - Visit ALATHGS.com, Click 2023 Participants, and type in the password. The registration form will be available on this part of the website after **January 15, 2023**.

2022-2023 Timeline:

- Now: Begin contacting your local schools! A printable flyer to give to guidance counselors is available on our website under "Unit Information."
- January 15, 2023: Delegates can begin filling in their information via the online registration form.
- Completed registrations (online) and Endorsement Forms (paper copy) with all monies, are due to Department Headquarters by **May 1, 2023** - this is also the non-refundable tuition deadline. Any cancellations after this date will not be issued a refund.

Please contact the Girls State Commission (alathgs@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.