American Legion Auxiliary Laurel Girls State 2025-2026 - P.I.C. Paper

As ALA Laurel Girls State has been held since 1944, we are looking forward to yet another outstanding year of learning, community and confidence building, and strengthening civic engagement in young women from across Connecticut. We are excited to share that the 2026 session of ALA LGS will be held Saturday, June 27th - Thursday, July 2nd, at the University of New Haven. Once again, we will be holding session in conjunction with TAL Boys' State.

As the year will pass very quickly, please begin speaking with the eligible youth in your community now! The committee will be sharing more flyers (one is attached) and email templates in the coming months to support your efforts in spreading the word about the program.

At this time, we are unsure of the exact cost of ALA LGS per participant; however, we do know that the cost will increase due to increases from a multitude of arenas, some directly from the University (food, housing, personnel, etc), as well as materials costs, which are all expected. The committee will communicate the cost per participant as soon as possible.

If your unit is unable to sponsor a young woman in full, please consider making even a $100 donation earmarked for ALA LGS. This will allow us to pool donations and support as many young women attending as possible. Please know that any donation to ALA LGS will be used directly for the delegate experience.

The committee, in collaboration with TAL Boys' State committee, is working diligently to prepare a program that will both continue to combine some aspects while also allowing for separation to elevate and celebrate the strong, knowledgeable, and capable voices of the rising senior class (at the time).

If you know, or are aware of, previous citizens of ALA LGS, we would appreciate your sharing their name and any contact information. We would like to feature former delegates in a recruitment campaign and invite them to participate in the program in some manner, including as junior counselors.

The committee would like to invite ***ALL*** members to contact us if they are interested in participating in ALA LGS, whether that be as a counselor, supporting outreach, or sharing ideas on making the experience even more valuable for the delegates attending. There are many ways to support other than committing to being on campus the full week! Please do not worry if you are new to the program or have never heard of it; we are ecstatic that you have an interest in supporting this long-standing program!

Please note a new email address for the committee: alalgsofficial@gmail.com
In addition to the Department's email address, this is the email from which all correspondence will originate and the email we ask you to share with potential delegates and any school personnel.

We thank you in advance for supporting ALA LGS 2026!

With deep regard, and In Service, Not Self,

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Chairman	Director	Committee Members	