



Ohio Unit Program Action Plan



American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State

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Year-Report Due:

SEND REPORTS TO :

April 15, 2025

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**Please carefully read the additional information
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Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State!**

Buckeye Girls State is at

**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
Bowling Green, OH 43403**

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Department Report Form

This Form should be attached to each narrative that is submitted for information, Citation of Merit requirements and possible Department award. Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. A Unit must submit a this report form with boxes completed and answer the questions below in order to earn the Citation of Merit. Narrative- word count must follow directions given in award guidelines. Simple or elaborate stories will be accepted as a report.

Please complete the following. Be sure to give the complete name of your Unit: _____

District _____	Unit # _____	Unit Membership Goal _____	Unit Membership Total As of Report _____		
Name of Person Completing Report: _____			Unit Chair. _____	Unit Pres. _____	
Phone # _____	Email _____	Membership ID (if available) _____			
Specific Award Name(if applicable) _____					

Answer the following Questions and/or include answers in your narrative.

Narrative must be typed written in narrative form.

Narrative must not exceed 1,000 words. (Can be fewer words if program dictates).

Narrative may include photographs and news articles.

- How did your Unit promote the ALA Buckeye Girls State program in your schools and community?

- How did your Unit recognize your 2024 delegates to ALA Buckeye Girls State? _____

- What unique ways did your Unit fundraise to help finance your Buckeye Girls State delegates? _____

- How has your Unit improved your BGS Girls State program this year? Please give details of what worked or what needs more improvement. _____

3. Our ALA Service for Youth

	Service for Children & Youth	Obtain Total From	Member	+	Unit	=	Total
Line 11	Total hours for ALA Girls State	<i>Member Form Line 8</i>			N/A		
Line 12	Dollars spent for ALA Girls State	Unit Records	N/A		\$		\$

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Buckeye Girls State

Get Involved

Purpose: The purpose of the ALA Girls Nation Committee is to promote and provide an outstanding government-in-action program for high school girls who have completed their junior year. The committee attends and actively participates in the execution of the weeklong education program. Committee members need to be capable of meeting the physical and social demands of a week supervising high school girls. *Standing Rules #6, National Committees – Mission Outreach*

- The American Legion Auxiliary proudly hosts ALA Girls State, an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship.
- ALA Girls State delegates are a diverse group with a shared desire to learn and lead. ALA Girls State “citizens” come together from small towns, big cities, and rural areas to hold ALA Girls State elections, and their varied backgrounds set the stage for a week of spirited, experiential learning.
- American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This weeklong event gives participants firsthand experience and insight into how the federal government works.
- ALA Girls Nation connects participants with their peers from across the country, allowing a unique opportunity to spend time with others who share common interests and those who have different perspectives from their own. They leave Washington, D.C. with a deeper understanding of government, a renewed sense of patriotism, and an appreciation for veterans.

1. **Objective Goal:** Increase awareness of the American Legion’s Auxiliary Girls State Program.
 - a. **Action Step:** Our core purpose is to enlighten and educate young women on responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and Country. This is accomplished by immersing the girls in learning the political process of electing officials for all levels of City, County and State government.
 - b. **Action Step:** Set up a Buckeye Girls State information session that both prospective delegates and parents can attend to acquire additional information about the program.
 - c. **Action Step:** Use social media accounts to get the word out about the opportunity to apply for the 2025 Session of Buckeye Girls State. This would be a perfect time to create a Facebook page, Twitter account, Instagram and/or other appropriate social media accounts, for your Unit and promote the sites.
2. **Objective Goal:** Select a diverse group of young women to participate in Buckeye Girls State.
 - a. **Action Step:** Work with the high school educators, community organizations and church leaders to help identify possible candidates. Key factors in successful recruiting are: 1-completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one

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semester left before graduation; 2-have a desire to learn and are interested in government and current events; 3-have high moral character and possess strong leadership skills and 4-be above average in scholastic achievements.

- b. **Action Step:** Candidates must be interviewed and selected by the Unit. The school counselor, principal, or co-contributor **cannot** choose the delegate.

3. **Objective Goal:** Promote the scholarships/awards that are available to those delegates who attend Buckeye Girls State.

- a. **Action Step:** Samsung Scholarship – participants of each ALA Girls State program, who is a direct descendant of a veteran, is eligible to apply. One citizen from each state is named as the Department finalist. Ten National winners will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and ten National Runner-Ups will receive a \$5000 scholarship. The remaining department finalists will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.
- b. **Action Step:** BGS Endowment Fund Scholarship – Two (2) \$1,000 BGS Endowment Scholarships will be awarded to two (2) outstanding BGS Citizens.
- c. **Action Step:** Girls Nation Award – Two (2) Delegates and (2) Alternates will be selected by the BGS Selection Committee to attend Girls Nation in Washington, DC. Delegates attending will play the role of Senator and introduce a bill to be presented to the Girls Nation Senate.

4. **Objective Goal:** Promote the BGS program to co-contributors for funding for BGS delegates.

- a. **Action Step:** Ask other veteran, civic or booster organizations to aid in sponsoring your BGS delegates.
- b. **Action Step:** Network with schools to help find funding to send delegates.
- c. **Action Step:** Ask parents of past BGS delegates to contribute to the Unit Girls State program. They know firsthand how the program works.
- d. **Action Step:** Have members donate to the BGS Endowment Fund for current and future scholarships.

5. **Objective Goal:** Recruit sufficient volunteers to staff all areas of Buckeye Girls State.

- a. **Action Step:** Volunteer staff come from many different fields, such as education, government, former Girls State participants, ALA members, and anyone interested in furthering the program. Others that participate in the program are counselors, state and local government officials, public officials and speakers who provide guidance in their respective fields of expertise.

GIRLS STATE/GIRLS NATION RESOURCES

- Girls Nation Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ALAGirlsNation>
- Girls Nation Instagram page: <https://instagram.com/alagirlsnation>
- Girls Nation Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/alagirlsnation>
- ALA National website: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/ala-girls-nation>

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Year-End Report

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. **Each Unit Buckeye Girls State chairman is required to submit a narrative report by April 15, 2025, to the Department Buckeye Girls State Chairman, Gwen Schroeder-Zulch, PO Box 242, Jerry City, OH 43437.**

DEPARTMENT AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINE

Department Unit Award: Due to the ALA BGS Director no later than **April 15, 2025**.

Award: Citation Award Certificate

Criteria: Presented to one unit who submits the most outstanding report that best describes how the unit promoted and participated in the American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State Program. This report must be in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words and may include photographs, newspaper articles, etc.

Unit Endowment Award: Please see back of Endowment Fund Donation Form for a list of Unit Awards.

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BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE ENDOWMENT FUND DONATION FORM

_____	_____	_____
District #	Unit #	Unit Name

Donor's Name		

Enclosed is a donation in the amount of \$ _____ for the
Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund

If donation is in honor of **or** in memory of, send acknowledgment to:

_____	or	_____
In Honor Of (Person's Name)		In Memory Of (Person's Name)

Send acknowledgement to: (Next of Kin's Name)		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code

Send receipt to:

Name		

Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code

Office Use Only

Check # _____ Date Processed ____/____/____ Amount _____ Certificate: Yes ☐ No ☐

Please make check payable to **Buckeye Girls State** earmarked **"Endowment Fund"** and send donation to:

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund

Unit Support Needed!

The Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund was established to provide scholarships to outstanding Buckeye Girls State Delegates. This fund was established through convention action over 20 years ago. Please consider directing some of your Unit monies toward the Buckeye Girls State Endowment Fund.

If your Unit does not wish to make an outright donation, please consider making a donation to the fund in lieu of flowers or a gift. What a nice gesture when a friend, loved one or Unit member celebrates a birthday, anniversary or dies. Also, you might consider a special fund raiser for this purpose.

Special recognition will be given for these contributions:

\$ 25.00	Acknowledgment
\$ 50.00	Citation
\$ 250.00	Special Citation
\$1,000.00	Engraved Plaque
\$5,000.00	Personalized Engraved Plaque and name placed on a permanent plaque in Department Headquarters

See back of page for an Endowment Fund Donation Form.

For additional Donation Forms contact:

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