



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
SPONSOR OF:  
MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE**

**Legal Inhabitation**

High school girls eligible to participate in the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs must have completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one semester remaining, be a United States citizen or legal inhabitant of the United State as evidence by a current and/or valid birth certificate, visa, passport, Green Card or other United States government-issued documentation verifying a legal presence in the United State for at least the duration of the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs. For any girl to be eligible to take part in the ALA Girls Nation program, she must be able to clear a background check by the United States government, the White House and the U. S. Secret Service.

This documentation must be provided onsite and that failure to provide documents will result in ineligibility to participate with all expenses incurred up to that point becoming the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

**Documentation Requirements**

I attest that my daughter (ward) has a U. S. government-issued birth certificate or legal documentation of her legal presence in the United States provided by the U. S. government (e.g. visa, Green Card, passport). I understand that upon arrival and registration at ALA Girls State, I am expected to provide a bona fide copy of her birth certificate or her U. S. government-issued documentation proving that she is a legal inhabitant of the United States for the duration of the event. If I fail to provide current and valid documentation, my daughter will not be allowed to take part in the ALA Girls State and I, as parent/guardian, will be responsible for all expenses incurred up to that point in time.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

**Gender**

The ALA Girls State/Girls Nation leadership development programs are week-long 24/7 programs for high school girls. Participation is limited to females, as evidenced by her birth certificate or sworn statement signed by a licensed medical doctor. The student must be a female at the time the program takes place. Any challenge to a participants' gender on site at the ALA Girls State/Girls Nation programs must be addressed immediately and the decision for eligibility determined by a physical exam conducted by a medical doctor. If an exam is not complete prior to lights out on arrival day, the individual who has been challenged shall be provided a private room.