## ALA Department of Indiana Program Guidelines 2022-2023 ALA Hoosier Girls State

## "Veterans Our Number 1 Priority"

The ALA Hoosier Girls State Program is a program sponsored solely by the American Legion Auxiliary. This program is open to female high school students who have completed their junior year and meet the required criteria. They are selected and sponsored by ALA units for this program, where they learn about the political process by electing officials for all levels of government and actively run a "mock" government in just one week. The delegates are assigned to mock cities and are either a member of the "Federalist Party" or the "Nationalist Party". The program is a full week at no cost to the applicant except for a non-refundable application fee. During the week assistance will be given by dedicated ALA volunteers who will ensure the program's non-partisan governmental, patriotic and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Though the week is filled with many learning opportunities, there is always time for fun and the formation of long-term friendships.

ALA Hoosier Girls State will begin its 81<sup>st</sup> Session at Trine University in Angola, IN the week of June 18-24, 2023. Due to increased costs, the **fee** this year will be **\$350.00** per delegate. In addition, there will be a **non-refundable application fee** of **\$50.00**. It is strongly recommended that the delegate or her family pay this non-refundable application fee so that they have an investment in the program and are less likely to be a "No Show" on registration day. During the applicant's week, she will receive a party t-shirt and a city picture as well as an opportunity to earn various monetary awards.

Again, this year we will be holding a "Calendar Raffle" as our fund raiser. However, there will only be two drawings a month and the winner will receive \$150.00 plus their name goes back into the drawing to possibly be drawn again. There will be 500 tickets sold at a cost of \$30.00 each. I am encouraging Every Unit to buy or sell one or two tickets. Tickets can be sold to individuals, units, posts and squadrons. If we focus on every unit buying or selling a ticket, then the winnings will be kept in "The American Legion Family" and we will all be winners!

More detailed information will be sent to the ALA HGS Unit chairmen either from myself or from your ALA HGS District Board Member.

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