



Texas Girls State:

Important Dates to Know

- The 2023 Delegate Selection Process will begin **Thursday, December 1, 2022**.
- A written application, a short video and references will need to be submitted as part of the process. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The deadline for interested students to complete their applications online with ALA Unit 178 is **Saturday, January 7, 2023**. Late submissions will not be considered under any circumstances, but applications can be sent in any time during the month-long window. There is no "early bird" advantage; all applications will be reviewed after the deadline.
- Complete applications will be reviewed by ALA Unit 178 and references will be contacted in January 2023.
- In mid-January 2023, Finalists will be invited to interview with the ALA Unit 178 Girls State Selection Committee. Interviews will take place over a series of dates from **January 30 - February 17** and are mandatory.
- All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decisions no later than **March 10, 2023**.
- ALA Unit 178 will present a mandatory Girls State orientation for all selected delegates and their parents in **May 2023**.
- 2023 Texas Girls State is projected to start **Sunday, June 18**, and end **Saturday, June 24, 2023**. Final camp dates will be announced in February 2023.

Contact the ALA Unit 178 Girls State Chair at
alatxunit178girlsstate@gmail.com with any questions.



American Legion Auxiliary Peter J. Courcy Unit 178
2023 Texas Girls State Application & Instructions

Instructions

Please read this document and make sure you understand all parts. An incomplete or incorrect application might prevent you from being considered for the Texas Girls State program.

By submitting your application as directed, you acknowledge understanding of the following:

1. You must be in the graduating class of 2024.
2. You must reside in Frisco, Little Elm, or Prosper **or** you must be enrolled full-time at a school with a physical address in Frisco, Little Elm. or Prosper. *Regardless of your home address, you must attend a high school located in the state of Texas to be considered.*
3. You must be a student in good academic and disciplinary standing at your high school.
4. At this time, the 2023 Girls State program is projected to take place in person. In the event of a pandemic or other unforeseen emergency, the program may have to take place virtually.
5. While on site at camp in Seguin, a Girls State delegate may not participate in any other programs, *whether virtual or not*, including online coursework.
6. In the event the program has to take place virtually, applicants will be alerted as soon as possible. Delegates will be expected to participate in mandatory evening sessions online. Participation in the virtual program must be completed in full in order to be considered a graduated citizen and full delegate of Texas Girls State.
7. Withdrawing early from the Girls State program for any reason (whether virtual or in-person) might preclude you from receiving a completion certificate, or eligibility for recognition, scholarships, etc.
8. All applicants will be required to submit a short video per the instructions enclosed. To be considered, the video must be submitted along with the online application, by the deadline of 11:59 pm on January 7, 2023.
9. We currently plan for applicants to participate in a live panel interview with ALA members in January-February 2023. Not all applicants will be invited to interview.
10. We will communicate with all applicants and delegates primarily via **email**. You are responsible for ensuring that you have submitted the correct email address in your online application, and that you are checking it regularly. Please double-check for typos in your email address; if we contact you about Girls State and the message bounces, we are not able to track you down to find you.
11. You must complete both parts of the application to be considered (application form and video submission). We will not review any application where only one part has been received by the deadline.
12. By submitting your application, you are granting permission for the ALA Unit 178 Girls State Selection Committee to review the material you enclose, contact your references, and you are declaring all information provided to be truthful and accurate. Your application will **not** be shared outside of the ALA Unit 178 Selection Committee.



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Part 1: Online Application

Please visit this link to fill out the online application in full, no later than 11:59 pm at January 7, 2023. You must fill the online form out in one sitting; you will not be allowed to save your progress.

<https://forms.gle/gaxCtt8e6LEqrG6V6>

Part 2: Video Introduction

During COVID, we had to forego interviews in person, and had no way to meet our applicants. We now request this video as a back-up, in case of an unforeseen circumstance that prevents live interviews.

- Using a smartphone or computer camera, please record a video of yourself, of **two minutes or less** in length.
- The video can be shot vertical or horizontal. You do not need to include any titles, graphics, music or effects. Simple is best.
- Please speak clearly and audibly, and make sure you can be seen in adequate lighting.
- At the very beginning of your video, please introduce yourself with first name only. **Please do not mention your last name or high school in your video.**
- Then, choose two questions from the three options below, to answer in the time remaining. Please do not provide answers to any questions not on this list.
- Please do not include any pets or other students or family in your video.
- Only one video file of 2 minutes or less will be reviewed and considered. Please do not send multiple files.
- Submit your video as an email attachment, and send to alaxunit178girlsstate@gmail.com no later than 11:59 pm on January 7, 2023. We do not recommend waiting till the last minute to submit your video in case you have technical difficulties. (Please note that if your video is larger than 25MB, it might require you to send it via Google Drive or some other file-sharing platform.)
- Include your **first and last name, and high school**, in the subject of the email when you submit your video.

Video Question Options

(Please Choose Only 2)

1. Tell us about a time when you had to demonstrate leadership of a group of your peers.
2. If you attend Texas Girls State, what do you hope to learn and bring back to your community?
3. If you could go back in time and give one piece of advice to your 6th grade self, on the first day of middle school, what would you say?