

2025 ALA CORNHUSKER GIRLS STATE RULES

The American Legion Auxiliary is responsible for all activities during Girls State. We take our responsibility very seriously. These rules are for the protection and safety of all Girls State citizens. Any Girls State citizen who knowingly violates any rules, policies, or displays inappropriate conduct, will be dismissed. A letter outlining the reason(s) for dismissal will be sent to her parents, her sponsoring or contributing organization, and school.

Girls State Rules:

1. Girls State citizens must arrive at Girls State between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2025, and will be dismissed following the closing session on Saturday morning June 7, 2025.

Any Girls State citizen who leaves Girls State for any reason before the conclusion of the program on Saturday will not receive a certificate and pin, and will not be considered alumna of Girls State. This includes dismissal for ACT Testing.

Although our program is similar to Boys State and runs simultaneously, our program rules are not necessarily the same. Because the State of Nebraska is offering free testing to all High School Junior students in April, there will be no dismissal for testing. It has always been the policy of the American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State program that no one is dismissed early for ACT testing. ***(This rule will apply for 2025 due to the ACT testing date of June 7, 2025.)***

If a citizen leaves Girls State for any reason, the high school and sponsoring and/or contributing organizations will be notified and **may request a reimbursement of all or a portion** of the enrollment fee from the Girls State Citizen.

If a citizen (or) an attendee does not complete the program, she may NOT include Girls State on her resume or applications for college admission, scholarships, or employment.

2. Girls State citizens must wear their identification badge at all times.

The Girls State dress code will be enforced at all times. Citizens are reminded that they will be functioning in the role of professional young women during the week. If a citizen is dressed inappropriately, she will be asked to change.

Each delegate will receive one complimentary Girls State T-shirt, which will be worn with appropriate bottoms at designated sessions and activities. Additional shirts will be available for purchase at the Girls State Store.

Casual clothes (shorts, sweats, jeans, etc.) may be worn at designated times and after the last session of the day.

Citizens may want to bring a special outfit for inauguration and the graduation ceremony.

3. Citizens cannot make any campaign materials prior to their arrival at Girls State or prior to filing for office. Citizens cannot use pre-printed materials, photographs, or copies of photographs of themselves in their campaign materials.
4. Citizens who drive themselves to Girls State will be issued a UNL parking permit and be required to turn in their keys to their counselor for the duration of the week.

5. Girls State citizens are not permitted on the first floor of the Residence Hall during the scheduled nightly town meetings. Citizens must wear their identification badge when on the first floor. **Citizens are not permitted on the first floor after 11:00 p.m.**
6. Visitors are discouraged. If there becomes an instance where you need to visit with a family member, please contact the Girls State officials in advance to arrange a time to meet. No visitors are allowed above the first floor of the Residence Hall.
7. Citizens must report any signs of illness or injury to their Senior Counselor or other staff member immediately.
8. Girls State mornings start at 6:00 a.m. Lights out by 11:00 p.m.

Not only must each Girls State citizen follow the Rules of Girls State, she must also follow the policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

1. Do not overload the elevators or hold the elevator doors open. Repairs to the elevators will be charged to those individuals in the elevator at the time. Cameras are used to monitor each elevator.
2. Windows must remain closed at all times. Blinds must be closed at night when citizens are in their rooms with the lights on.
3. Keep your door LOCKED at all times. This is especially important when you leave your room for sessions.
4. Do not leave your purse or personal items (backpack, camera, etc.) unattended.
5. Girls State and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
6. Do not litter.
7. The University of Nebraska is an alcohol/drug free and smoke free campus.
8. The University of Nebraska prohibits the possession of dangerous weapons – concealed or unconcealed – on university property or in personal vehicles when on University property.

Girl State Citizen's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

This signed document must be turned in when you register at Girls State on June 1, 2025.