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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA GIRLS STATE PROGRAM





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Happy New Year!

Happy 2025!

I'm hoping you all had a very happy holiday and are ready for the upcoming *Girls State Adventures*. Put it in 1st gear. Hang on. Here we go!

We currently have 443 Reservations with some that have yet to be updated. Our original goal was 440. We made it! Maybe we will make it to 450! I'm so excited by our progress. Thank you for all your work!! 2025 Reservation Form (if you have not already submitted your schools). If you have submitted one or more schools already, please send me an email with the School Name, City and if the School is Public or Private. We will enter those schools in the computer.

Unit Girls State Chairperson To Do List:

- Contact your schools when they open with a Welcome Back, Happy 2025! note. All of us are on different pages with our programs. Some of you are ready for interviews and others are just getting your list from the schools. My advice is to work at your own pace. Don't worry if another Unit is ahead of you or your planning.
- Review the <u>Reservation List</u> for accuracy. Send email to <u>alacagschair@gmail.com</u> to correct or add to the list.
- Continue reviewing the Candidate Selection slides. Both you and your Unit President
 must take the Candidate Selection Quiz before selecting Candidates. The quiz is not
 graded and will not disqualify you if you miss some answers, but we need to have record
 that you have taken it in order to be in compliance with our Girls State Code. 2025
 Candidate Selection Quiz.
- Download, review and start filling in the <u>2025 Unit Information Packet</u> so that you will have it ready before you select the Delegates.
- Once you have the names of the Candidates, let the school know your interview plan or schedule.
- When interviewing, ALWAYS explain to the Candidates that they cannot arrive late or leave early from the 2025 Girls State Session. They must attend the ENTIRE session. There is no time for other school work, interviews, virtual meetings or any responsibility.
 If they do not attend the ENTIRE session (including leaving for illness), they do not

get credit for having attended Girls State. No awards, Certificates, or pin.

- Always select a Delegate and Two Alternates. If a Delegate drops and there is no alternate, your Unit will not receive a refund from Department.
- Initiate a <u>Interview Tally U105.pdf</u> Remember to ask each Candidate the same questions.
- Review the "to do list" for January on <u>2024-2025 Suggested Calendar for Girls State</u>
 <u>Chairs</u>. If you are further ahead of the others or just want to start planning, check the February To Do List.

We will be using a new Zoom Link for our Monthly Zoom Recordings. Hopefully we will have more success. Please contact me if you missed a zoom meeting. I will go over what we discussed. Additionally, If you have questions that have not been answered or you need help, call me at the number below.

Next Zoom: Monday, January 13th at 7:00 pm

Topic: ALA Girls State Chair Zoom

Time: Jan 13, 2025 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7142722021?pwd=TERIN2pxd3VDeVNIQytSSStWTWw2Zz09&omn

=81225214451

Meeting ID: 714 272 2021

Passcode: GZv6QD

Links and Information from Previous Bulletins

GS 2024-2025 Links

2025 ALA CAGS Candidate Selection Quiz

Unit Information Packet

Website 2025 Reservations List (Responses)

Reservation Form

2024-2025 Suggested Calendar for Girls State Chairs

Interview Tally U105.pdf

Thanks for all your work. Your work for this program changes lives.

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