



ALA Girls Nation Leadership Opportunities

Each American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls Nation senator is allowed floor privileges at ALA Girls Nation while representing her state. Senators will be speaking on behalf of, and in opposition to, legislation submitted by all the senators that reaches the ALA Girls Nation Senate floor.

At ALA Girls Nation, there are many leadership opportunities available for participants. These include ALA Girls Nation Federalist and Nationalist party offices, Senate officials, and ALA Girls Nation governmental offices that mirror those federal offices in our U.S. Constitution. Each of these positions affords leadership and personal growth opportunities for the participants.

For example: Each mock political party (Federalist and Nationalist) includes a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Each party also selects/elects five committee chairmen, a floor leader, and a whip. The Senate officials, in keeping with the U.S. Constitution, include the Senate pro tem, secretary, assistant secretary, chaplain, sergeant-at-arms, and assistant sergeant-at-arms. The Senate elects a news reporter. Each party will select a keynote speaker. There are also six committees for legislative hearings, each led by a chairman and assisted by a secretary.

As you can see, there are many special roles for you to consider. Some positions are highly visible, other positions carry more authority. While it is understandable that every ALA Girls Nation senator would dream of being elected to the highest offices of president and vice president, the U.S. Constitution only provides for the election of one president and one vice president. Given the many leadership roles and options available within the government and both political parties, participants are advised to thoughtfully consider these many options and how each may best utilize her talents to serve her ALA Girls State constituents.

Each participant will be assigned to a senate committee (A-F) for committee hearings. Each participant is required to serve on 1 of the 5 political party committees. Participants choose which positions they run for in the parties, senate, and federal level (president, vice-president). There are some restrictions due to conflict of interest, time constraints, and allowing more senators leadership opportunities. These restrictions will be explained by the government staff each step of the way. Once you have won, or been appointed to a position, there are NO RESIGNATIONS. We do not have time to repeat elections for any position. This may eliminate you from running for president or vice-president. Please listen carefully!