

Dress Code & Recommended Packing List

MUST HAVE

U.S. Government issued Driver's license/photo ID

UNIFORM

The ALA Girls Nation uniform is the red polo with black knee-length skirts/pants (or Bermuda shorts on off campus days). This uniform is worn every time we are off campus and much of the time during the week. TWO polo shirts will be provided to you at orientation. Counselors will work with you twice during the week to launder your uniform shirts ONLY. We use detergent that is dye-free & scent-free.

COMFORTABLE SHOES

Opt for low heeled or flat shoes as opposed to high heels; one pair must be closed toe. We will be on our feet a lot and walking long distances at times. Tennis shoes are acceptable, except for Capitol Hill & White House visits (pending). Our off-campus trips include lots of walking and standing. Your most stylish black heels are not practical for these events. **NO** flip-flops or flimsy sandals. Pack one pair of flat, black, comfortable dress shoes in which you can walk all day.

CLOTHING

On and off campus you will have a choice of type of black bottoms to wear with your red uniform shirt:

Bring a combination of at least FOUR BLACK pants/knee-length skirts/Bermuda shorts (You will wear these for seven days).



Business Attire is allowed for ALA Girls Nation senate sessions, especially if you plan to run for an office. Business attire does not mean business casual; it is proper business attire - Business dresses/ blouses/ skirts/ dress pants. A suit jacket is appropriate.

Appropriate jeans & comfortable clothing may be worn on travel days & while in sleeping rooms.

Night clothes/pajamas

One dressier outfit for the Closing Banquet—dress/skirt or pants/blouse (no long formal gowns)

PERSONAL ITEMS

Face masks
Deodorant
Face soap
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Feminine hygiene products
Sunglasses
Umbrella/poncho
Band aids (*for blisters*)
2-3 plastic hangers (optional)

Cell phone & charger (Download GroupMe & Kahoot!)
Prescribed medication (in original bottles)
Shaving cream/razor
Lotion and sunscreen
Refillable water bottle
Eyeglasses/contact lens/contact solution
Writing utensils for senate sessions
Credit/debit/gift card for Girls Nation store & travel days

DO NOT BRING

Large amounts of cash
Valuable jewelry
Campaign materials
Large quantities of snack food

LAPTOPS or TABLETS/IPADS are not allowed in Senate sessions.

Neither the ALA nor the William Bolger Center is responsible for loss or damage to items brought to ALA Girls Nation.