



ALA Girls Nation Leadership Opportunities

Each American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls Nation senator is allowed floor privileges on the Girls Nation floor while representing her state. Senators will be speaking on behalf of, and in opposition to, legislation that reaches the ALA Girls Nation Senate floor. If their bill is introduced on the floor, they will give authorship, clarification and closing on the insight and comprehension of their bill. Resolutions introduced on the Senate floor will also have clarification given by the authors on the elements of the resolution.

At ALA Girls Nation, there are many leadership opportunities available for participants. These include ALA Girls Nation Federalist and Nationalist party officers, Senate officials, and ALA Girls Nation federal offices that mirror the federal offices in Washington DC. Each of these positions affords leadership and personal growth opportunities for the participants.

The Party Leadership (Federalist and Nationalist) includes a Party Chairman, Party Vice Chairman, and Party Secretary. Each party also selects/elects five committee chairmen, a Party Floor Leader, and a Party Whip who serve in the Senate. Each party will select a Keynote Speaker. The Senate officials, in keeping with the U.S. Constitution, include the President Pro Tempore, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. The Senate elects a News Reporter. Each participant will be assigned to a Legislative Senate committee (A-H) for committee hearings which are held at the beginning of week so the Senators may “clean up” the legislation in anticipation of presentation on the Senate floor with the hopes of eventual passage of the bill or resolution.

Each participant is required to serve on 1 of the 5 political party committees. Participants may choose which positions they run for in the Party, 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 every step of the way. Once you have won or been appointed to a position, there are NO RESIGNATIONS and you are eliminated from running for any other office including President or Vice President. We do not have time to repeat elections for any position.

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 Senate and both political parties, participants are advised to consider these many options and how each may best utilize their talents to represent their ALA Girls State delegates.