



**TO: Unit Presidents of American Legion Auxiliary & School Officials**  
**FROM: Cheryl M. Hovorka, ALA SD Girls State Director**  
**SUBJECT: Application for ALA SD Girls State Journalists**

Are there girls in the junior class of your high school who meet the requirements to be journalists for ALA SD Girls State? If so, have them apply by answering the questions below. They must also be able to type and write a story, in addition to filling all of the requirements of a regular delegate to ALA SD Girls State. Girls with experience on their high school newspapers will receive preference. They must have qualities of leadership, be in good health, and recommended by the teacher of journalism or by the principal of their school. More than one journalist from each school may apply and be accepted. We will accept fourteen journalists and besides Journalism City, the journalists will be assigned to a regular city so that they can be involved in various activities throughout the week. They won't be able to run for any offices as their primary objective for the week will be to produce and gather the news to publish the daily paper, *Sacajawea Scroll*, but they will vote in all the elections. They will be instructed by qualified journalism counselors and staff. Each day Tuesday through Friday a different source of the media will be invited to join them for a lunch/roundtable discussion (newspaper, magazine, radio and TV). This will give them an opportunity to network with professional staff in each of those areas.

The 2019 session will be held on the campus of The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, **May 27 – June 1, 2019**. This application must be postmarked to: **Irene Hovorka, Registrar, 816 Park Street, Yankton, SD 57078, No later than March 1, 2019.** The candidates will be informed of their acceptance or rejection by **March 15, 2019**. Because of this early selection date, if the girls are not accepted as journalists, they are still eligible to be selected as regular delegates to ALA SD Girls State. Those accepted will be sent a pink registration form to fill out and return to the Registrar along with the **REGISTRATION FEE OF \$125.00**. Upon receipt of the form, the journalists will be emailed the information to complete the online registration.

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**DETACH HERE**

**Return your typed answers to the questions on the reverse side of this sheet or on a separate sheet and mail to the ALA SD Girls State Registrar:**

**Irene Hovorka, 816 Park Street, Yankton, SD 57078 -- before March 1, 2019.**

I have read the above material, and have noted the opportunities and limitations. I accept them, and hereby apply for Journalism assignment at the American Legion Auxiliary, South Dakota Girls State.

**PRINT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (605) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## **ALA SD GIRLS STATE JOURNALISTS**

1. Have you had any training in news writing? Explain. Include classroom, extra-curricular and out-of school experience.
2. Have you had any experience in layout or design? Explain.
3. Have you had any experience in photo journalism? Would you like to be an ALA SD Girls State photographer?
4. Have you had any computer training? Explain.
5. Are you familiar with Mac word processing and/or Quark? Describe your degree of proficiency.
6. Have you had any training in speech and/or broadcast news? Explain.
7. Describe any honors you may have received in journalism.
8. Write a paragraph explaining why you would like to be part of ALA SD Girls State Journalism City.
9. Enclose writing samples of: a news story, a feature, and an editorial. Also include an issue of your school newspaper or publication.
10. Enclose confidential recommendations from your journalism teacher, principal, or superintendent (include statements of responsibility, ability to work under pressure, and the ability to work along with others).