

2020 American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State City Mom Selection Process

Each year, between 16 and 18 American Legion Auxiliary members are selected to serve as City Moms at the American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State. These ladies serve as staff, doing everything from checking delegates on the first day, working in our Girls State Store, to acting as the warm fuzzy to a group of girls. The week is filled with fun, but also many responsibilities. Being an American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State City Mom is not for the weak at heart (literally), nor is it a vacation. We work hard, for long hours, and get no pay. City Moms are expected to rise early each morning, and go to bed late each night.

A typical sample day for a City Mom might look like this:

6:00AM - Rise and Shine. Get ready for the day. Circulate around your city and greet your girls.

7:00AM - Flag Raising

7:10/8:30 AM - Breakfast (meals are in 2 shifts)

8:45AM - Prepare materials for campaign posters

9:00AM - Attend City meeting. Help supervise girls

10:00AM - Help in the **ALA GS Store**

11:30AM - Attend ALA Staff meeting

12:00/1:20 PM – Lunch (meals are in 2 shifts)

12:00/1:20 PM - Go to City to supervise girls during **Rest Time**. You are in charge on the floor. Counselors are attending their counselor meeting. Circulate around the floor. Check that all girls are in their rooms or at their scheduled location. Their doors should be open so you can easily check on them.

1:40 PM - Attend Party Meeting

3:00PM - Assist with tasks at **Headquarters**

3:45PM - Work a shift at the **ALA GS Store**

5:00PM - Meet with your **city**. Help supervise girls.

5:30/6:40 PM – Dinner (meals are in 2 shifts)

6:45PM - Attend **City meeting**. Help supervise girls in the city meeting area.

7:25PM – Flag Lowering

7:30PM - Walk together with the city to the **General Assembly**. General Assembly will have speeches, cheering, etc.

9:00PM - Attend and help supervise at **Party Meeting**.

9:45PM - Return with girls to your city.

10:00PM - City Friendship Time - Treats you have brought to share with your girls, this is the time to get them out. Treats should be something small and not too sugary. Take this time to listen to what the girls share. Be present and visible, but not the center of attention.

10:45PM – Bedtime for the Girls - Circulate to each room to say good night. Offer a hug, tuck girls in, and give a kind word to each girl. Make this your nightly routine. The City Mom and Counselor often do this together.

11:30PM- Get ready for bed. Counselors often meet within the county to go over tomorrow's schedule. Leave your door open until you see your counselor, then you may go to bed.

As you can see, we are busy from morning until night!

A city mom must be in good physical condition, able to do lots of walking and climbing stairs (minimum 15,000 steps per day). She must have a big heart, and a sense of humor. She must be able to work well with others, take direction, and collaborate with the Staff and Counseling Team. Claremont McKenna College is a smoke-free and alcohol-free campus. Consumption of alcohol during the session is strictly prohibited. As a City Mom, she is expected to conduct herself in an appropriate manner, refraining from off-color jokes, language, and revealing dress while with the girls. We are role models for our young women and want to show them through our behavior that, as women, we respect ourselves and each other in all we say and do.

The payoff for City Moms is an experience like no other. You will find yourself leaving Girls State excited, empowered, and awed by the young women who attend. Watching our democracy in action, and seeing young women show their love of our country is a huge reward in itself. Knowing that I have had a small part in changing the lives of over 500 young women leaders is priceless.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please fill out the application that is linked below. You do not have to be an ALA member, but you must provide an ALA or counseling reference on your application. Applications are due by May 1st, 2019. City Moms will be selected BY May 5th, and notified by email/phone of their selection. Background checks will be performed on all staff.

[Click Here for Online Application](#)

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Thank you for your interest in California Girls State!!

Most sincerely yours,

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