



**2016**

**Granite Girls  
State**

Delegate Information  
Booklet

## About Granite Girls State

### *What is Granite Girls State?*

The Granite Girls State program designed to educate New Hampshire's young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting involved in the process, you'll learn more about Town, City, County and State Government in one week than you'll learn in an entire semester of high school.

The young women selected for this are called Delegates and are assigned to one of two political parties - Federalist or Nationalist. As an active member of your party, you'll learn political party structure and have a definite function in the government system.

Through hands-on experience you have the opportunity to not only learn the mechanics of local and state government; you have the opportunity to learn citizenship and patriotism; you gain self-confidence, poise and character. Attendance also makes you eligible to apply for awards, honors and scholarships as outlined in this packet.

### *Benefits of attending Girls State*

The Department of New Hampshire American Legion Auxiliary has been a proud sponsor of Granite Girls State for the past 71 years. This program has been honored by central positions as Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Girls State is a nationally recognized program. Past participants have included:

**Anne M. Edwards**

Associate Attorney General of NH

**Jane Pauley**

Broadcast Journalist

**Katie Couric**

Talk Show Host

**Sharla "Kris" Cook**

Brigadier General of the Air Force

**Lynne Cheney**

Author, Education Reform Advocate, wife of the United States Vice President

### *Where is Granite Girls State?*

Granite Girls State 2016 will be held on the campus of St. Anselm College in Manchester New Hampshire the week of June 26 – July 1, 2016. Delegates and Staff will be housed on campus. Each girl must provide her own transportation to and from Granite Girls State. If you drive your personal car, you **must** turn your keys in to the Girls State Registration table upon arrival. Delegates are **not** allowed to leave the campus until after the closing session of Granite Girls State on Friday evening, July 1, 2016.

### *Granite Girls State Policies*

These policies were developed for your safety. Anyone who does not adhere to the Girls State policies or creates a disturbance to the point that she disrupts the program and/or other Girls State citizens, will be subject to **immediate dismissal** and **will be sent home** from the Girls State Program. Some violations may be subject to criminal prosecution

### *Registration Sunday, June 26, 2015*

Registration for the 2016 session of Granite Girls State begins promptly at **10 AM** on Sunday, June 26 and closes at **12 PM** to be announced at orientation. Arrivals prior to 10 AM are unnecessary since registration will not open prior to 10AM. Please plan your time wisely as we will have a get acquainted picnic from 12 -1 PM (Girls will provide their own lunch) and the Granite Girls State Program will begin promptly at 1PM.

After you register, you and your parents may enter the residence hall where you may unpack and meet your roommate.

At the Registration Area, please line up at the proper Registration Station by your last name. At the registration Station you will be handed a 3 X 5 card with your dorm room number, Granite Girls State Town/City and County, and other information. **Before leaving the registration Station, check your name, address and school information on the card.** Ensure the information shown on the card describes you and not another Delegate with the same or similar name. Once you have officially registered you are on your way to becoming a Citizen of Granite Girls State.

### ***Medical Information/Registration***

The **Medical Record and Consent Form** must be fully completed, signed, and returned at registration. You must have had a physical exam in the last 2 years prior to attending Girls State. In the event of a medical emergency, 911 will be called and medical attention will be given as deemed necessary by Emergency Responders.

**Be sure that all required signatures are included on the form before returning it!**

*Delegates with special medical or nutritional requirements **must notify** the Granite Girls State office in writing prior to the arrival Girls State.*

While you are attending Granite Girls State, you are covered by a blanket accident and liability policy maintained by the Department of New Hampshire American Legion Auxiliary. This coverage is excess coverage to insurance maintained by your parents. In the event you receive treatment at Girls State, a bill will be directed to your parents through your health-insurance.

### ***What to bring from home***

#### ***Apparel***

Bring enough cloths to last a week. Please be aware that the clothing you pack must be appropriate for attending school. Granite Girls State citizens will not be allowed to wear low cut spaghetti strap tops and short shorts while they are attending sessions.

We suggest that you make sure your entire luggage and other belongings are clearly marked, inside and out, with your name and address.

#### ***Linen***

You must also bring at least two single sheets for twin bed, one pillow and pillowcase, a light blanket, or quilt, personal-care items, towels, washcloths, soap, a fan (there is no air-conditioning in the residence hall), clothes hangers, alarm clock, and, if desired, a hairdryer, camera, musical instrument, sheet music, and computer. All rooms in the residence halls are equipped with Internet access.

Please see the next page for a suggested packing list.

## Checklist

	<b>Items to bring with you</b>	<b>Required/Optional/Suggested</b>
	Granite Girls State Delegate Information Packet	Required
	Dress/Suit or Blouse & Skirt (as specified below)	Required
	Dressy clothes appropriate for the Governors Inauguration and Graduation (Some girls bring their Prom dresses for the Inauguration as this is a more formal event but it is not necessary if you do not have one)	Required
	Suitable clothing for sessions: i.e. Slacks, pant skirts, walking shorts, or jeans. <b>NO short shorts, mini-skirts, low cut shirts, spaghetti strap tops, or tattered/torn jeans (all clothing worn in sessions must be school dress code acceptable</b>	Required
	Raingear	Suggested
	Comfortable walking shoes	Required
	Bedding (twin sheets, pillow, light blanket)	Required
	Personal Care Items (towels, soap, shampoo, hairdryer, personal items etc.)	Required
	Fan (no air conditioning in dormitory room)	Optional
	Clothes hangers	Suggested
	Alarm clock	Suggested
	Camera	Optional
	Radio (No T.V.'s)	Optional
	Musical Instruments (talent show)	If you plan to participate
	Sheet Music (if you have any patriotic music, this is especially useful for graduation and inauguration)	Suggested
	Material for political rally and campaigning (i.e. Construction paper, magic markers, crayons, scotch tape, and/or masking tape	Optional – but especially useful for campaigning for office
	Notebook, pencils, clipboard, stamps, letter paper and envelopes	Required
	Money for scholarship fund (voluntary) spending money, change for vending machines	Suggested
	Snacks are allowed if in sealed or air-tight containers	Optional
	<b>**One pair of shoes other than flip flops for Color Guard</b>	<b>Required</b>
	Extension Cord (no telling where the plug will be)	Optional

### ***Entertainment***

There will be plenty of music at Granite Girls State. If you play a musical instrument you are strongly encouraged to bring it along with you. They will be exceptionally useful for the talent show, inauguration and graduation. If you sing or play the piano your talents will also be useful throughout the week.

Participants are encouraged to bring sheet music along with them.

### ***Housing***

You'll be housed in a residence hall on the campus of St. Anselm College. Your residence hall and room number will be given to you at registration.

You'll stay in a two-person room and will be given a key to your room at Girls State registration. This key is ***your responsibility*** and must be turned into Girls State staff before you leave on Friday, July 1st. There will be a ***\$10 charge for any key not returned.***

Granite Girls State staff will always be there with friendly words and to see that the dorms are quiet “after lights” out every night (11 p.m.).

### ***General Information***

All of your meals will be served on campus.

You'll be able to send and receive mail. Outgoing mail is taken to the campus mail room daily. Incoming mail is picked up at the St. Anselm College mail room on a daily basis and will be routed to you by Girls State staff.

You may bring your cell phones and use them during the times we are not in session.

**Cell phone usage will be allowed only after sessions. Any cell phones seen being used during sessions will be confiscated by the Girls State staff and will be returned at the close of the week.**

***Granite Girls State T-shirts*** will be available for purchase at the cost of \$15.00 at Registration and throughout the week.

### ***How much money will you need?***

Your sponsorship fee covers the full expense of your meals and accommodations, but you may want to bring additional money for personal use (photos, snacks, stamps, souvenirs,

raffle). A variety of beverages and snacks are available in vending machines so you may want to bring some change.

### ***Policies***

The Granite Girls State Board of Directors developed these policies for the safety of Granite Girls State Citizens and staff.

*Smoking policy* Smoking and the use of other tobacco products is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the program.

*Drugs, Alcohol and weapons policy* Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, and/or weapons is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the program and possible **criminal prosecution**.

*Hazing policy* Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the program and possible **criminal prosecution**.

*Creating Disturbances Policy* Creating disturbances to the point they disrupt the program and/or other Girls State Citizens is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to **immediate dismissal** from the program.

*No Boys Policy* Boys are prohibited from the Granite Girls State dormitories.

*Leaving campus Policy* All citizens are restricted to the St. Anselm College campus and the facilities used by Granite Girls State. Citizens will remain on campus throughout the entire week.

*Cell phone usage* Cell phone usage will be permitted in the dormitories or when not in session. Any cell phones seen or being used during session will be confiscated by Girls State staff and will be returned at the end of the week. This policy includes text messaging.

## *Awards, Honors and Scholarships*

### **Granite Girls State Scholarship**

One outstanding Granite Girls State Delegate will be selected to receive the Granite girls State scholarship. This scholarship is funded by monies raised in the Girls State raffle and from donations from the American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Hampshire.

### **Dottie Hunnewell Memorial Scholarship**

Dottie was a Department President and life member of the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of NH. She was also a dear friend, dedicated counselor and Granite Girls State Secretary for more than 25 years. Because of her love and devotion for this program, the American Legion Auxiliary voted to name this scholarship in her honor.

### **Detachment of NH Girls State Scholarship**

Steve Fisher, Detachment of NH Commander established this scholarship after being introduced to the Granite Girls State program.

Those applying for the above named scholarships must apply during their year of Granite Girls State Citizenship.

Click on the forms button to your left to view and print application forms

**The SAMSUNG Scholarship-** Should you wish to be considered for this honor, the Samsung scholarship application form must be completed on line.

Go to: <http://legion.org/scholarships/Samsung>

Scroll down to Use the online application

Here you will be asked to create an account

An e-mail will be sent to you with further information.

This is truly a wonderful scholarship, please take your time in filling this out, you may hit save and go back to it at any time.

Please make sure you click New Hampshire as the Department when asked and the form will be stored under the Department of New Hampshire.

Before you turn your application in, and sure that all required signatures are present on the form.

**Girls Nation** - Two Granite Girls State delegates will be selected to represent New Hampshire and Granite Girls State at Girls Nation. This is a week long exercise in the operation of Federal Government. Delegates will be chosen by Granite girls State staff members. Selection is based on leadership, cooperation, attitude, interest in government, and desire.

In addition to the two Girls Nation Delegates, two Alternates will also be selected in the



event that one of the delegates from Granite Girls State is unable to attend.

### **GRANITE GIRLS STATE “DO’S AND DON’TS”**

**DO** Come to Girls State with an open mind and a willingness to learn. Be prepared to spend long, but rewarding, hours learning with the Girls State program.

**DO NOT** Think you are coming to a summer recreation camp.

**DO** Bring comfortable shoes. Appropriate clothing will be required for all Girls State sessions also bring rain gear, and comfortable shoes. We will do a lot of walking.

**DO NOT** Bring clothing that are not respectable or abuse the dress code.

**DO** Keep the American Legion Auxiliary Unit, which is sponsoring you, informed of what you are doing. They are proud to have you represent them.

**DO NOT** Bring anything with you which is extremely valuable as all personal items are your responsibility. Girls State assumes no responsibility for lost items.

**DO** Make a list of what you bring to Girls State. This can serve as a checklist when you are packing for home. Mark items with your name before you leave home.

**DO NOT** Leave anything behind the Girls State. If you do, please contact the American Legion Auxiliary Department headquarters.

**DO** Leave your car keys at the Girls State registration desk if you are driving your personal car. They will provide the needed parking information for your car. This is a must.

**DO NOT** Leave campus any time during the week. Violators will be immediately sent home.

**DO** Be very clear about any medical conditions for which the caregivers at Girls State should be aware. We want to spend a happy, and healthy week at Granite Girls State.

**DO** Be proud of being selected to attend Girls State. It is an honor afforded to only a special group of New Hampshire's finest young women each year.

## **Tips for a Successful Girls State**

### **HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE BE ENTHUSIASTIC**

- Your enthusiasm can go a long way to overcoming obstacles and solving problems.

### **TAKE INITIATIVE**

- This means going that extra distance to finish the job or assist someone who needs your help.

### **HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR**

- A good sense of humor can light up a life and make everyone's job seem easier.

### **THINK POSITIVELY**

- Always take a "can do" approach to problems.

### **BE SINCERE**

- Say what you mean and mean what you say.

### **TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK**

- No matter what your job is, take pride in the fact that you're doing your best to help others.

### **RESPECT OTHERS**

- Take time to recognize and appreciate the skills and qualities of the people around you.

### **LEARN FROM OTHERS**

- Be open to new ideas and suggestions from other people.

### **BE OPEN TO OTHERS**

- Be flexible enough to respond to changes from other people.

### **COOPERATE WITH OTHERS**

- A spirit of teamwork is essential to getting things done.

### **BE TOLERANT**

- Learn to accept and appreciate the differences among people. You'll be a wiser person.

# **About Granite Girls State Government**

## ***General Information***

To get the most the Granite girls State program, you need to participate. Select an office you feel you can serve well. If you're interested in a particular office, do some research before coming to Granite Girls State to find out all you can about the duties, function and responsibilities of that office. You might want to consult an official holding the office as part of your research. Take full advantage of the Girls State sessions to learn specific information about the office you seek. Once you have researched the office, campaign enthusiastically and, if elected, represent fellow citizens to the best of your abilities. Remember, they have entrusted their confidence in you! If you should lose, you have gained from those experiences in the election process.

Also, have alternative positions in mind. There are many, many appointed positions on all levels at Girls State so don't be discouraged if you don't get your first choice.

There should be no one unemployed!! Make the very most of this time. You'll benefit now and far in the future!

Because our time is limited there are some areas where we have had to make decisions for you, but we attempt to adhere to New Hampshire laws and processes as closely as possible.

## ***Political parties***

Although you will select your own party affiliation in your private life when you turn 18, at Granite Girls State you'll be assigned to a political party. There are two parties- Federalists and Nationalists. Once you are assigned to a party however you create your own party platform. You'll be among the approximately 60 girls attending the program.

## ***Towns, Cities and Counties***

At registration, you'll be assigned to town/city. Your town/city is part of the county. The county to which you were assigned is named after Girls State staff.