

2023 Tar Heel Boys State and Girls State

The Greenville American Legion Post 39 is seeking high school juniors who would like to attend the prestigious Tar Heel Boys or Girls State program. **The post will sponsor and pay the tuition fee for selected delegates to attend the week-long summer camp.**

Girls State will be held 11-17 June 2023 at Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC.

Boys State will be held 18-24 June 2023 at Catawba College, Salisbury, NC

The program is designed to give delegates a hands-on experience in forming and running all levels of city and state government while developing leadership and communicative skills. They will become informed citizens and future leaders capable of preserving our great Republic.

Boys and Girls State is among the most respected and selective program for high school students in the nation. It is an intense workshop where delegates create their own mock city and state governments. They will hold party caucuses and conventions, develop party platforms, hold voter registration drives, nominate candidates, run election campaigns and polls. They will learn how to create budgets, write and debate bills, and pass legislation.

Delegates will be exposed to leadership development, team building skills, debate, and public speaking opportunities. They will hear prominent guest speakers, as well as enjoy athletic activities, band and chorus, and much more.

Applicants must be a rising senior, 16-18 years old, have a 3.0 unweighted GPA or equivalent, and be a resident of the state for at least one year.

Contact the Pitt County Chairman at (402) 690-1129 or (252) 364-1083 for more information and to begin the application process. Cut off for applications is 15 March, 2022.

For more information visit the following websites:

tarheelboysstate.org

ALATHGS.com



CALLING ALL JUNIOR CLASS GIRLS

Join us this summer for
Tar Heel Girls State!
 June 11-17, 2023

What is it?

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Tar Heel Girls State is an Americanism project designed to provide rising high school senior girls an opportunity to study citizenship in a democracy with a "hands-on" approach. The program's goal is to develop a sense of the responsibilities of citizenship within young women leaders. The week is a practical study of the structure and operation of North Carolina state government.

Who is the Program's Sponsor?

The American Legion Auxiliary is the sponsor of the Tar Heel Girls State program. Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families.



What would I do during the week?

The week at Tar Heel Girls State will provide you with many opportunities for learning, developing leadership skills, meeting new people, and having fun.

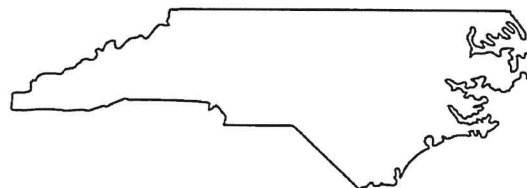
- Participants, we call them citizens, will be grouped in cities to organize their own local government, electing officers, preparing a city charter and conducting city activities.
- Citizens will research and write bills and resolutions for the Girls State legislature.
- Citizens will be a member of a fictitious political party which will develop a party platform, engineer campaigns for party candidates and finally elect a slate of officers to govern Tar Heel Girls State.
- Tar Heel Girls State will host top state officials and outstanding speakers from a variety of fields.

ALA Tar Heel Girls State was the highlight of my summer! It reassured my interest in law and government. I got to participate in a simulated government and meet some of the most influential people in our state government. I also got to meet some lifelong friends!

– Rebecca Chemmanam
 ALA THGS 2019 Governor

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must be a junior in high school at the time of selection.
- Between the ages of 16 and 18 years old.
- Ranked in the top 1/3 of her class or have an unweighted GPA of 3.0.
- Resident of NC for 1 year prior to selection and be currently attending a NC high school.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident of the U.S.



How do I apply?

Applications are available through your local ALA Unit. All participants **must** be endorsed by an Auxiliary Unit or an American Legion Post. Visit www.legion.org to find a local Unit or Post in your area or use the QR code to fill out our interest form.



Sponsorships may also be available through your local ALA Unit or American Legion Post. The registration fee for the 2023 session of ALA THGS is \$400.

For more information, visit our social media links below or contact ALATHGS@gmail.com.

www.ALATHGS.com



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ALA Tar Heel Girls State

**Pitt County
American Legion
Post 39 Greenville, NC**

Tar Heel Boys State Fact Sheet

Eligibility requirements: Be a college bound rising senior with at least one semester remaining next year. Must maintain a 3.0 unweighted GPA, possess strong leadership qualities, and be motivated to preserve our great republic.

Candidate will attend Tar Heel Boys State **June 18-24, 2023** at Catawba College, Salisbury, NC. **No other activities can interfere during this week.**

The one-page screening document is due back to your counselor by March 15, 2023. Ensure your counselor completes his/her portion of the document before notifying me that it is ready for pick up.

Finalists will be scheduled for brief interviews in March or early April. Interviews will take place at the American Legion building on 403 St. Andrews Dr, Greenville, NC, after school hours.

Candidates selected to go forward after the interviews will be given the Boys State application and paperwork to complete along with the due date.

We may invite some delegates to attend an American Legion Post 39 monthly meeting to give a brief overview of their Boys State experience and thank the members for sponsoring them. Dinner is free for the delegate and two guests.

I MUST HAVE A WAY TO CONTACT YOU AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE HAVE YOUR VOICEMAIL ACTIVATED AND SET UP TO RECEIVE MESSAGES. CHECK FOR VOICE MAIL AND/OR TEXT MESSAGES.

Any questions or concerns please call **Terri Choy (252) 364-1083 (home phone) or (402) 690-1129 (cell phone)**

**The Pitt County American Legion
Tar Heel Boys and Girls State Screening Document**

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

APPLICANT'S CELL PHONE: _____

APPLICANT'S EMAIL: _____

FATHERS NAME: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

MOTHERS NAME: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

(I give permission for my child's school and personal information to be released)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:

Please certify class ranking. No transcript is required.

GPA (unweighted): _____ GPA (weighted): _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____; Quartile: _____% (must be in top 1/3)

Name of High School: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor (Please print): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____

Counselor's Phone: _____ Email: _____