

Girls State Selection Tips for Units

Recruitment

- It is recommended to contact the schools you are sponsoring before the winter break to establish a relationship to help with recruiting delegates. Waiting until January doesn't give the delegates enough time to plan their summers around Oklahoma Girls State.
- Provide schools with your application process, the website and any materials available for you to download from the Oklahoma Girls State website.
- Set a deadline for applications that provides you with plenty of time to meet the deadlines outlined above.
- All delegates must have completed their junior year and be going into their senior year of high school.
- Consider reaching out to local community sponsors to fund your delegate fees.
 - Please note if you do have outside sponsors they communicate directly with your unit and not the Oklahoma Girls State committee.
- Oklahoma Girls State is a patriotic, government program that emphasizes God and Country. There will be prayer and the Pledge to the Flag during each session. Delegates must participate.

Application Process

- A sample application is available at www.okgirlsstate.com . You are not required to use this application but we have found it to be helpful.
- A sample acceptance letter is available at www.okgirlsstate.com. This includes verbiage around reimbursement from the delegate to the Unit should they fail to attend the program or leave early for a non-emergency related reason.
- Some units choose to interview applicants to narrow down the selection, but please do what works best for your unit.
- Remember upon your selection, our delegates are a diverse group of young women, with a shared desire to learn and lead.
- Do not talk someone into going that does not want to be there. They usually end up going home or making their fellow citizens miserable.
- There is a recruitment video at www.okgirlsstate.com

Additional FAQ

- Each delegate must stay for the entire session. If a delegate leaves early, she will forfeit all rights to graduate from Oklahoma Girls State.
- Stay in touch with your delegate periodically and especially in the week or two prior to Oklahoma Girls State. This helps keep "no-shows" to a minimum and keeps your unit from losing their investment.

At the beginning of May, the Oklahoma Girls State Committee will begin communicating the dress code, packing list, required paperwork, check-in