

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

STUDENT SERVICES

Marathon High School



SENIORS

SCHOLARSHIPS <<<

Senior students met with Ms. Aune the week of November 27 to go over the MHS Scholarship Application process. All scholarship materials are **DUE on Friday, February 2 by 3:00 p.m.**

Students are encouraged to continue reviewing the [General Scholarship](#) portal for additional scholarship opportunities.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & APPLICATIONS

Early Action and Early Decision admission notifications are sent out during the months of November and December. Students should be checking their college application portals and personal emails for communication from the schools in which they've applied.

Students who applied using the [Common App](#) should review application status and any remaining tasks to be completed.



FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA - Federal Student Aid (FSA) [announced](#) that the 2024-25 FAFSA will go live by December 31, 2023, meeting the statutory requirement that the form must be available by January 1. [View the Announcement Here](#)

[College Goal Wisconsin](#) - virtual and in-person options. Free to attend

JUNIORS

>>> JUNIOR CONFERENCES

Junior Conferences will take place during the month of January. These conferences are catered to the needs of each individual and allows for the student to make informed decisions about his or her academic and career goals.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Future Options & Plans
- Senior Schedule & Courses
- Transcript Review & Graduation Requirements.

Parents wishing to attend the meeting with their child are asked to [SIGN UP HERE](#).

Conferences will last approximately 20-25 minutes.

ACT PREP COURSE

UW-Stevens Point is offering a Virtual ACT Prep Course on Saturday, February 3, from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

This prep session is designed to assist students in preparing for the ACT assessment and will cover:

- English usage/mechanics and rhetorical skills
- Math problem solving strategies
- Science data and analysis & much more!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

'24-25 SCHEDULING

>>> DECEMBER 5-8

All students in grades 8-11 will begin the course scheduling process the Week of December 4th. Parents, please talk with your son/daughter about their course options and reach out to Ms. Aune with any questions. [Course Scheduling Forms](#) must be signed by a parent and returned to MHS no later than December 18.

VOLUNTEER

- [Salvation Army Red Kettle](#)
- [Boys & Girls Club of Wausau](#)
- [Children's Imaginarium](#)
- [GiGi's Playhouse](#)
- [Monk Botanical Gardens](#)
- [Special Olympics Bowling](#)





SEASONAL TRANSITIONS

As we embrace the changing seasons, it's essential to be mindful of the potential impact on our well-being, particularly in the context of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Seasonal transitions can bring about shifts in mood, energy levels, and daily routines, and recognizing the signs early can empower us to take proactive steps towards mental health and happiness.

Signs to Look For:

- Changes in Mood:
 - Pay attention to noticeable shifts in your child's mood, such as increased irritability, feelings of hopelessness, or persistent sadness.
- Altered Sleep Patterns:
 - Be aware of changes in sleep habits, including difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep, or oversleeping.
- Low Energy Levels:
 - Note if your child is expressing fatigue, lack of energy, or a general sense of lethargy that seems unusual.
- Social Withdrawal:
 - Watch for signs of withdrawal from social activities or a decrease in interest in hobbies and friendships.
- Academic Performance:
 - Keep an eye on changes in academic performance, as seasonal transitions can sometimes coincide with increased stress related to exams and coursework.

Ways to Prevent Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD):

- Maximize Natural Light Exposure:
 - Encourage outdoor activities during daylight hours to maximize exposure to natural light, which can positively impact mood.
- Establish Regular Sleep Patterns:
 - Help your child establish and maintain consistent sleep routines to promote healthy sleep patterns.
- Encourage Physical Activity:
 - Advocate for regular physical exercise, whether it's outdoor activities, indoor workouts, or participation in sports.
- Healthy Nutrition:
 - Promote a balanced diet that includes a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole foods to support overall well-being.
- Open Communication:
 - Foster an open line of communication with your child. Encourage them to express their feelings and let them know it's okay to seek support.

If you notice persistent signs of distress in your child, please do not hesitate to reach out. Student Services is here to provide support, resources, and a safe space for students to navigate the challenges of seasonal transitions.

WANT CASH FOR COLLEGE? ATTEND A

COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN 2024

FAFSA COMPLETION EVENT



Free assistance completing the FAFSA at 40+ Wisconsin locations

Do you have questions on how to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? The FAFSA is the form a student needs to complete to apply for financial aid, such as grants and loans. Plan to attend a College Goal Wisconsin event in-person or virtually to receive free information and assistance completing the FAFSA.



You will need the following items in order to complete your 2024-25 FAFSA. If you are considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes, you will also need these items for your parent(s).

- 2022 Federal Tax Return and W2s
- 2022 Untaxed Income Records, such as child support or veteran's non-education benefits
- Information on savings, investments, business assets and farm assets (if applicable)
- Driver's License (if you have one)
- Cell phone (if you have one)
- Social Security Number
- Alien Registration Card or Permanent Resident Card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Date of birth for parents
- Month and year of parents' marriage, divorce, or separation
- FSA ID (if you have one). To create an FSA ID, please visit studentaid.gov. Every student and at least one parent if the student is considered a dependent student needs one

It is highly recommended that a dependent student attend the event with a parent so the FAFSA can be submitted that day.

- College Goal Wisconsin
- @CollegeGoalWI
- @CollegeGoalWI
- www.CollegeGoalWI.org

Attend and enter to win a **scholarship!**



VIRTUAL DATES

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday, January 17

Wednesday, January 24

*Wednesday, January 31

Events start at 6 p.m.
Please register at
www.collegegoalwi.org

*This event will be in Spanish

IN-PERSON EVENT DATES

Adams	January 22
Appleton	January 11
Ashland	January 29
Balsam Lake	January 8
Baraboo	January 9
Beloit	January 9
Brussels	January 8
DeForest	January 10
Eau Claire	January 31
Fitchburg	February 1
Green Bay	January 9, 11
Keshena	February 1
Lake Geneva	January 18
Laona	January 23
Madison	January 8, 17, 18
Marinette	January 10
Marshfield	January 31
Milwaukee	January 11, 17, 22, 24, 30
Minocqua	January 17
New Richmond	January 30
Oak Creek	January 10
Onalaska	January 23
Oshkosh	January 25
Platteville	January 16
Portage	January 24
Reedsburg	January 18
Rice Lake	January 25
Ripon	February 1
Shawano	January 10
River Falls	February 1
Sheboygan	January 16
Spooner	February 1
Stevens Point	January 17
Sun Prairie	January 10
Superior	January 25
Waukesha	January 24, 30
Wausau	February 1
Wautoma	January 17
West Allis	January 17
West Bend	January 16
Westfield	January 17



Achieving more together.

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The event will start with a short presentation on tips to complete the FAFSA. After the presentation, you will be able to ask your questions and receive individual assistance to complete the FAFSA.



IN-PERSON EVENTS begin at 6 p.m.

Monday, January 8

BALSAM LAKE
Unity High School
1908 150th St / HWY 46 N

BRUSSELS
Southern Door High School Library
2073 County DK

MADISON
Vel Phillips Memorial High School
201 S Gammon Rd

Tuesday, January 9

BARABOO
UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County
1006 Connie Rd

BELOIT
Beloit Public Library
605 Eclipse Blvd

GREEN BAY
Green Bay Preble High School
2222 Deckner Ave

Wednesday, January 10

DEFOREST
DeForest Area High School
815 Jefferson St

MARINETTE
NWTC Marinette Campus
1601 University Dr

OAK CREEK
Milwaukee Area Technical
College - Oak Creek
6665 S. Howell Ave

SHAWANO
NWTC Shawano Center
111 Thomas Ave

SUN PRAIRIE
Sun Prairie East High School
888 Grove St

Thursday, January 11

APPLETON
Fox Valley Technical College
825 N Bluemound Dr
Use Entrance 10 or 1

GREEN BAY
Green Bay West High
966 Shawano Ave

MILWAUKEE
Milwaukee School of Languages
College and Career Center
8400 Burleigh St

Tuesday, January 16

PLATTEVILLE
UW-Platteville
Hickory/Main St

SHEBOYGAN
UW-Green Bay Sheboygan Campus
1 University Dr

WEST BEND
West Bend School District
1305 E. Decorah Rd

Wednesday, January 17

MADISON
Madison East High School
2222 E. Washington Ave

MILWAUKEE
Milwaukee Academy of Science
2000 W Kilbourn Ave

MILWAUKEE
South Division College
and Career Center
1515 W Lapham Blvd

MINOCQUA
Lakeland Union High School
9573 Hwy 70 West

STEVENS POINT
UW-Stevens Point
1901 4th Ave, 1st floor

WAUTOMA
Wautoma High School
514 South Cambridge St

WEST ALLIS
Milwaukee Area Technical
College - West Allis
1200 S. 71st. St

WESTFIELD
Westfield High School
N7046 County Rd M

Thursday, January 18

LAKE GENEVA
Badger High School
220 E South St

MADISON
LaFollette High School
702 Pflaum Rd

REEDSBURG
Madison College - Reedsburg Campus
300 Alexander Ave

Monday, January 22

ADAMS
Adams Friendship High School
1109 East North St

MILWAUKEE
Boys & Girls Clubs of
Greater Milwaukee
The Ready Center Powered By The
Milwaukee Admirals
1916 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave

Tuesday, January 23

LAONA
Laona School District
5216 Forest Ave

ONALASKA
Onalaska High School
700 Wilson St

Wednesday, January 24

MILWAUKEE
Messmer High School
742 W. Capitol Dr

PORTAGE
Madison College - Portage Campus
330 W Collins St

WAUKESHA
Waukesha North High School
2222 Michigan Ave

Thursday, January 25

OSHKOSH
UW-Oshkosh - Sage 1208A
800 Algoma Blvd

RICE LAKE
Northwood Technical College
1900 College Drive

SUPERIOR
UW-Superior, Swenson Hall
1610 Weeks Ave

Monday, January 29

ASHLAND
Northwood Technical College
2100 Beaser Ave

Tuesday, January 30

MILWAUKEE
Riverside University College
and Career Center
1615 E Locust St

NEW RICHMOND
Northwood Technical College
1019 South Knowles Ave

WAUKESHA
UW-Milwaukee at Waukesha
1500 N. University Dr

Wednesday, January 31

EAU CLAIRE
Chippewa Valley Technical College
620 W Clairemont Ave

MARSHFIELD
UW-Stevens Point Marshfield Campus
2000 W 5th St, Room 131

Thursday, February 1

KESHENA
College of Menominee
Nation - Library
N172 State Highway 47/55 Enter
Shirley Daily Hall/Glen Miller Hall
Main Entrance

FITCHBURG
Boys & Girls Club of Dane County
4619 Jenewein Rd

RIPON
Ripon College
400 Union St

RIVER FALLS
UW-River Falls
David Rodli Hall, 512 Sixth St

SPOONER
Spooner High School
801 CTY Hwy A

WAUSAU
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W Campus Dr

Get Connected!

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Access Your Transcripts & View Your Dual Credit Classes

Request Your Transcripts

1. Go to **my.ntc.edu**
2. Enter your **username** and **password**
3. Select **Transcripts & Grades**
4. Select **Transcripts**
5. Select **Official Transcript** (there is a \$5.00 cost for official transcripts)
6. Select **Report Type**
7. Choose **Post Secondary Transcript**
8. Select **Review Report**

If using a mobile device, select the three-line menu bar on top to access your transcripts.

To view all the dual credit classes that you have completed in high school:

Once you've logged into MyNTC, follow these steps:

1. Go to **my.ntc.edu**
2. Enter your **username** and **password**
3. Select **Transcripts & Grades**
4. Select **Transcripts**
5. Select **Unofficial Transcripts**
6. Select **Report Type**
7. Choose **Post Secondary Transcript**
8. Select **Review Report**

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NEED HELP?

Contact NTC's IT Help Desk by calling **715.803.1160**

If you are missing any classes please reach out to Tracy Ravn at Ravn@ntc.edu

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION:

What are dual credit classes?

ANSWER:

Dual credit classes are college-level classes that are taught in area high schools by teachers who are certified to teach both high school and college courses. They are offered to high school students for free, allowing students to save money and get a head start on college.

QUESTION:

When do I register for dual credit classes?

ANSWER:

You will sign up for your dual credit class at the same time that you sign up for all of your other high school classes. However, your teacher will help you register for your dual credit class through NTC within the first couple of weeks after your class begins at your high school. By registering for your class through NTC, you will be able to earn college credit for the class and receive a grade on your college transcript, if you choose.

QUESTION:

Why do I need to provide a social security number?

ANSWER:

When students sign up for dual credit, they are becoming college students at NTC and we use social security numbers to accurately identify our students.

QUESTION:

Why should I take a dual credit class if I will not be attending NTC?

ANSWER:

That's okay, our credits transfer! If you choose to attend a college other than NTC, you can request an NTC transcript evaluation for credit by the college that you plan to attend. The receiving institution will determine if the credits transfer into your academic plan.

QUESTION:

Why is the grading scale different for dual credit classes?

ANSWER:

Since dual credit classes are college-level classes, your teacher must adhere to the NTC grading scale and policies for the classes. You will earn a grade on your high school transcript and a grade on your NTC transcript, which may be different based on the grading scale of your class.

QUESTION:

Do I have to accept the credit if I receive an unfavorable grade?

ANSWER:

No. You can choose to either accept the college credit you receive at the end of each semester or deny the credit. Your teacher will confirm your grade at the end of the class, prior to submitting the final grade. If you do not want the credit an "AU" will appear on your transcript. This will not affect you in any way.

QUESTION:

How much money am I saving by taking a dual credit class?

ANSWER:

Example Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
NTC: \$450.15 approximate cost

QUESTION:

I have an NTC ID but I can't remember what it is, how can I get it?

ANSWER:

No problem! Our registration team can look up your info if you call them at 715.803.1646



Promise

Free college tuition for qualified high school graduates.

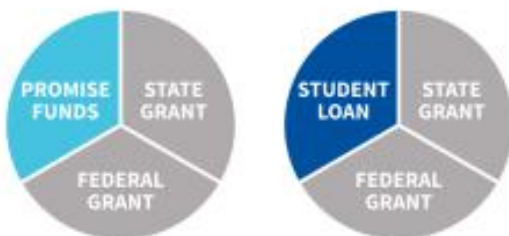
WHAT IS THE NTC PROMISE?

NTC Promise provides free college tuition for qualified local high school graduates in the NTC district. This opportunity helps high school seniors realize their dreams of attending college while reducing financial barriers and ensuring a skilled workforce for our communities. Through the generosity of the NTC Foundation, businesses and individual donors, the cost of tuition and fees will be covered by donated funds after federal and state financial aid (excluding loans and work-study) and scholarships have been applied.

Qualifying students who meet ongoing requirements receive up to five consecutive semesters of tuition free attendance (up to 15 credits per semester; does not include summer semester). Promise participants will receive individual guidance and support from a dedicated advisor including wrap-around services such as:

- Counseling
- Academic Advising
- Academic Success + Tutoring
- Financial Aid Referrals
- Housing Referrals
- Transfer Planning

NTC PROMISE BENEFITS



APPLY FOR THE NTC PROMISE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – MAY 31, 2024

In order to participate in the NTC Promise, you will be expected to:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for academic year 2024-2025 and be income eligible. For questions or assistance with completing FAFSA, please contact the NTC Financial Aid Office at 715.803.1647; financialaid@ntc.edu
- Graduate as part of the 2024 graduating class (including Alternative High School graduates)
- Graduate from a high school in the NTC district, or Reside in the NTC district by August 1, 2024, or Have earned 3 credits through NTC Dual Credit
- Achieve a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA after junior year
- Apply to a financial aid eligible program and register for classes by June 30, 2024

*The Federal Student Aid Estimator is a free tool that can be used to estimate your family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and what you may be eligible to receive in federal student aid. <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>

Unlike statewide programs that are similar, the financial aid requirements for NTC's Promise program are based off of expected family contributions rather than adjusted gross income. It's possible that students who do not meet financial requirements for statewide programs will be able to participate at NTC and transfer to a four-year university.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact our dedicated Promise Advisor, MaiGer Moua at 715.803.1215 or ntcpromise@ntc.edu

www.ntc.edu/promise

TO APPLY

<https://ntcforms.formstack.com/forms/promise>

List all Social Studies classes you have had or are now taking, Scholastic and Honorary Awards and all Extracurricular Activities in which you have participated. Be sure to indicate all offices held.

Grade 9

Grade 10

Grade 11

Grade 12 (if applicable)

High School Counselor's Signature: _____

Selection Committee: Following is the point system, which we encourage you to use.

Point System:

- A. **Interest, Leadership, Character, Fitness**60%
 - 1. Candidate is a **Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary**, the sponsoring organization of ALA Badger Girls State (automatic 10% of the 60%)
 - 2. Interest (Social Studies classes should indicate interest in government)
 - 3. Leadership (Class/Club Offices, etc.)
 - 4. Character... High standard of conduct (cooperative, considerate, courteous), good reputation, dependable, truthful, fine ideals, punctual, interest in family and school.
 - 5. Fitness (walk about 6 miles a day).
- B. **Extra-Curricular Activities**25%
(Athletics, Clubs, Speech, Music, Knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure/Roberts Rules)
- C. **Scholastic**15%

SCHOLARSHIPS

ALABGS citizens that have successfully completed the immediate past session have the opportunity to apply for the following scholarship opportunities.

Samsung American Legion Scholarship:

Awarded to qualified citizens who are descendants of United States wartime veterans. Selection criteria includes academic record, community involvement, school activities and financial need.

American Legion Auxiliary

Badger Girls State Scholarship:

Citizens that completed the immediate past session of American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State and will be attending a school of higher education are eligible.

Eileen Knox Memorial Scholarship:

One scholarship to be awarded in the amount of \$500 with special consideration given to applicant who is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Harry & Shirley Kuehl Foundation Scholarship:

One scholarship to be awarded in the amount of \$500 to a delegate/citizen who attended the immediate past American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Session. Award to be chosen from the current ALABGS scholarship applicants.



For a list of various other college scholarships, downloadable applications and eligibility requirements, please visit the following websites for information or check with your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

www.amlegionauxwi.org
www.alaforveterans.org



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BADGER GIRLS STATE COMMITTEE

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American Legion Auxiliary

BADGER GIRLS STATE

Government & Leadership Conference

Sponsored by:

The American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Wisconsin

Since 1941

Hosted by:

Gruenhagen Conference Center

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

208 Osceola Street

Oshkosh, WI 54901

Website: www.alabgs.org

Email: alabgs@amlegionauxwi.org

WE ARE A COMMUNITY, TOGETHER WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE FUTURE

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State (ALABGS) is designed to train future stateswomen in the science of government and to develop their leadership skills. The program has grown to over 700 citizens yearly and continues to be a major project of the Department of Wisconsin's American Legion Auxiliary. This program does not discriminate against race, creed or color.

PURPOSE

- To develop leadership skills
- To instill pride as American citizens
- To educate citizens about our system of government
- To instill a greater understanding of American traditions
- To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government process

WHAT IS BADGER GIRLS STATE?

The entire delegation will become a fifty-first state and will function according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Each day will focus on the various aspects of state government.

Citizens "learn by doing" as they function on city, county, and state levels by electing officials in the manner prescribed by regular election procedures and conducting business on those levels. Every girl is encouraged to participate in some level of the governmental process. ALABGS should not be confused with recreational or sport programs.

ALABGS government and leadership conference is designed to educate the citizen on the function of government. Each citizen has been selected by her school and the local Unit. She should come prepared to apply herself diligently to the program as it is scheduled.

SPONSORS/TUITION

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the ALABGS Program through the support of the American Legion Family (Legion, SAL, Legion Riders), civic organizations, service clubs, businesses, and school groups. Financial contributions may pay all or part of a citizen's tuition. The tuition fee covers housing, meals, and study materials but not transportation.

GIRLS STATE HISTORY

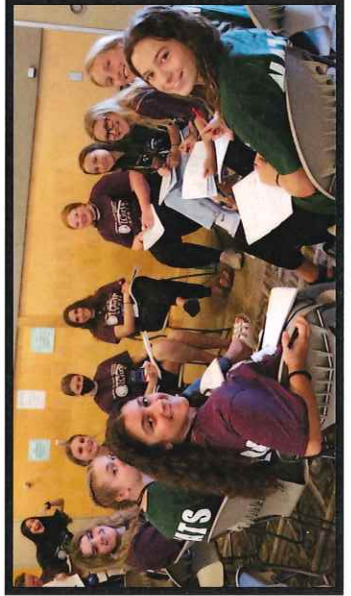


The Girls State program was organized as a national American activity by the 1937 National Convention. The first Girls Nation session was held in Washington D.C. in 1947. The program is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. The entire program is a non-partisan, non-political attempt to teach and instill in the youth of America a love of God and country.

Wisconsin launched American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State in 1941 with 138 citizens participating.

The American Legion Auxiliary is working to keep patriotism a part of the education of every child, patriotism that teaches love of America through knowledge of how our state governments operate.

The legacy from those Auxiliary members who chartered the first Girls State remains. The lessons learned at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State enable these young ladies to become more informed citizens in how their state government functions.



CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

American Legion Auxiliary Units and local high school educators work together to select girls to attend American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State by evaluating potential leadership qualities of the delegates. Prospective delegates **must meet all of the following criteria** before being considered a candidate to attend American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State:

1. Be enrolled in the junior year of a Wisconsin public, parochial or private high school or home school whether the candidate resides in Wisconsin or a neighboring state.
2. Be interested in government and citizenship.
3. Be academically eligible and recommended by their school to participate.
4. Have outstanding qualities of leadership, good moral character, cooperativeness, dependability and participation in extracurricular activities.
5. Fitness (walk about 6 miles a day)

HEALTH

The week at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is strenuous-requiring emotional stability and physical stamina - with much cross-campus movement and long hours of group activity.

ALABGS ORIENTATION

Delegates, alternates, parents, school personnel and Auxiliary members are strongly recommended to watch the orientation video. There will be online question and answer sessions (in the spring) where parents and delegates can ask questions the orientation did not answer. Session dates will be posted to the alabgs.org website.

VISITORS

Parents, friends, contributors and sponsors are invited to attend the Opening Assembly on Sunday, the Inauguration on Thursday (followed by a reception), Careers and College Fair and the final General Assembly on Friday.

DATES/LOCATION

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State is held beginning the third Sunday of June at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus. Delegates are housed in the Gruenhagen Conference Center and all meetings are held in various campus buildings.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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JUNE 16-21, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH



Open To All Eligible High School Junior Girls
Learn And Put Into Practice State Government
Strengthen Your Leadership Skills

A Unique Educational & Scholarship Opportunity
A Chance To Meet Awesome Girls From Around WI

Contact your School Counselor or visit the
ALA Badger Girls State website: www.alabgs.org



