

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
FYE 08/31/2026 Operating Budget APPROVED by 2025 Convention Body
September 2025 - August 2026
Condensed Version

Income		
25% LOGO USE Donation	\$	200
CONVENTION	\$	
2026 Convention - general	\$	44,400
2026 Sponsors/Fundraiser	\$	10,000
2026 Silent Auction	\$	4,000
2026 Vendor Tables	\$	600
2026 In-Kind donations rec'd	\$	6,500
Total CONVENTION	\$	65,500
DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS		
MPMay Campaign donations	\$	500
General donations	\$	2,000
Total DONATIONS/SPONSOR'S	\$	2,500
FUNDRAISER - ONLINE STORE	\$	26,000
FUNDRAISER - Spreadshirt sales	\$	1,000
FUNDS from CLOSED CHAPTERS	\$	100
MEMBERSHIP		
Chapter Membership Dues	\$	55,000
New Charter fees	\$	150
Total MEMBERSHIP	\$	55,150
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Yearbook ads	\$	1,000
VAVS Fund	\$	10,000
Total RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$	11,000
Total Income	\$	161,450
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Inventory Purchases	\$	20,000
Shipping Costs	\$	1,600
Total COST OF GOODS SOLD	\$	21,600
GROSS PROFIT	\$	139,850

NOTES:	
1) At the end of each fiscal year, National BSMA is to maintain a Savings Account minimum balance equal to 50% of the subsequent year's Budgeted Expenses as approved by the Convention Body. Our current Savings balance is sufficient to meet this requirement.	
2) A deficit budget is when you are anticipating expenses that will exceed what you are planning on as income. This would result in a deficit/loss overall for the year. National has averaged around \$200,000 in the combined savings and checking accounts for the last couple of years. We feel that this amount of funds in reserve is not being true to our mission, and therefore, we propose spending down our reserves by the \$53,900 deficit you see here on the budget. For example, fast forward to the end of the next fiscal year - assuming May account balances and our next year operations matching this proposed budget, spot on, by August 2026, we would have roughly \$40,000 in checking and \$100,000 in savings.	

Expenses		
Advertising/Public Relations	\$	2,000
Awards - Chapter Grants	\$	8,000
Bank Charges & Checks	\$	750
Commi & Fees - MPMay Appl. fee	\$	500
2026 Total Convention Expense		
incl'g In-Kind donations used	\$	45,000
DC Rep	\$	300
Donations		
Conv Body Approved (Minimum)	\$	1,500
Parke Memorial Scholarship	\$	2,000
VAVS/Yrbook-Restrict'd (pass-thru)	\$	11,000
VAVS Matching funds	\$	11,000
WIMSA	\$	1,500
Total Donations	\$	27,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	2,000
Insurance	\$	3,500
Legal & Professional Fees	\$	13,700
Management Expenses		
Ambassador Fund	\$	5,000
Total Management Expenses	\$	5,000
Merchant card processing	\$	7,500
National Fundraising	\$	1,000
Office Expenses	\$	500
Officer Equipment/Software	\$	4,000
Past National President Pin	\$	50
Program Expenses		
Flowers & Wreaths	\$	1,200
National Appointed Offices	\$	8,850
National President	\$	500
National 1 VP, 2VP, 3VP, 4VP	\$	1,000
National Recording Secretary	\$	800
National Financial Secretary	\$	250
National Treasurer	\$	1,500
Total Program Expenses	\$	14,100
Quick Books on line	\$	3,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	200
Travel & Lodging		
Dept Conventions (Pres x 3 conv)	\$	4,500
Gold Star Mothers Conv (Pres + 1)	\$	2,500
Gold Star Mothers Day (Pres & DC)	\$	2,000
Memorial Day (Pres, Hist, Patr & DC)	\$	4,000
Mid-Yr Executive Board Meeting	\$	9,000
National Convention Travel	\$	18,000
Special Events	\$	2,000
Veterans Day (Pres, Hist, Patr & DC)	\$	4,000
Total Travel	\$	46,000
Veterans Day Nat'l Committee Dues	\$	200
Video Conf Platform subscription	\$	300
Website, Database & Webmaster	\$	15,000
Yearbooks - Archival	\$	150
Total Expenses	\$	199,750
Other Income - Interest	\$	6,000
Net Operating Income/(Deficit)	\$	(53,900)