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**Subject: 2017 Girls State Delegates**

Dear Principal/Counselor/Class Sponsor:

Please forward the attached information to the appropriate counselor or class sponsor to assist the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Girls State Chairman in the selection process for the 2017 Girls State program. Preparations are underway for the 2017 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Session. Girls State will be held at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, June 11-17, 2017.

The success of our program depends on the Delegates sent by the American Legion Auxiliary Units. Only girls in their Junior or 11<sup>th</sup> year of high school are eligible. Students enrolled in an accredited home school program are also eligible. Our organization is dedicated to God and Country, therefore daily attendance at flag raising and retreat ceremonies are required. These girls should also exhibit the following traits: a definite desire to attend Girls State; an interest in government; leadership abilities; honesty; character, the ability to cooperate with others, and a willingness to obey the rules; scholarship; and community participation/service.

In most cases, the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Girls State Chairman may have already contacted your school or will be around the first of the year. An area Unit will sponsor or will ask for community help to sponsor girls in your school even if there is no local Unit. If you are not contacted by January 31, 2017, please contact the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit or myself. It is our desire that every opportunity is afforded the girls of the Junior Class to attend Girls State. Many times girls who are not as outgoing as others are overlooked. All students can benefit by the experience so please help us spread the word. Some of the best recruiters are the girls who attended last year.

Based on the rules mandated by the National Organization, one (1) student for every fifteen (15) female students enrolled in a high school's junior class are eligible for Girls State. Would you please provide the Unit Chairman with the number of junior girls enrolled in your high school? Sometimes there are opportunities of additional attendees based on state-wide participation levels; for the past several years we have not turned away any girls desiring to attend.

Enclosed you will find the following to assist you: Student Application Form, Rating Sheet, and a Flyer for reproduction to be posted in the school. The Unit Chairman may have provided some of these items in another format. If so, please use the items provided by the local Unit Chairman. The rating sheet may be used by your school personnel as a recommendation for candidates, although the final decision or approval of Delegates will be made by the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit. All junior girls should be considered in the selection process and school recommendations are a very important part of this process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. We are always open to suggestions for improving our program.

For God & Country,  
**Bobbie Swanlund**  
**Girls State Director**

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