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**Subject: 2018 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 2018 Girls State program. Preparations are underway for the 2018 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Session. Girls State will be held at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne on June 10-16, 2018.

The success of our program depends on the Delegates sent by the American Legion Auxiliary Units. Female students in their Junior or 11<sup>th</sup> year of high school as well as those enrolled in an accredited home school program are eligible. Our organization is dedicated to God and Country. Therefore, daily attendance at flag raising and retreat ceremonies is required. Students 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, 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. An area Unit will sponsor or will ask for community help to sponsor students in your school, even if there is no local Unit. If you are not contacted by January 31, 2018, please contact the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit or myself. It is our desire that every opportunity to attend Girls State be afforded to the female students of the Junior Class. Many times, students who are not as outgoing as their peers are overlooked. All students can benefit from the experience, so please help us spread the word. Some of the best recruiters are the Delegates who attended last year's Girls State.

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. Please provide the Unit Girls State 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 students desiring to attend.

Enclosed you will find the following to assist you: Student Application Form, Rating Sheet, a 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,

Shareen Johnson  
Girls State Director  
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