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TO: High School Principals and/or Counselors

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring its 74th annual American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State program Sunday thru Thursday, June 13 – 17, 2021. This year the program will be virtual. We are looking forward to the changes that a virtual session can offer.

Your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit has the necessary forms to register a citizen for the American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State program and will contact you as soon as the Unit has decided to sponsor a student from your high school. The American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State Committee relies upon your cooperation with the local Unit to assist in their selection of a citizen who has demonstrated leadership ability and is interested in government. The sponsored student must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States and be willing to pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and respect the value of God and Country. Your cooperation in allowing the Unit members to communicate with the junior class girls for this purpose is appreciated. The Auxiliary Unit will make the final decision and announce the selection of the citizen.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit is the only group that may sponsor a girl; however financial support to our program by other non-profit organizations, parents or entities willing to donate is greatly appreciated. The cut-off date for enrollment in American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State is May 1, 2021.

The National American Legion Auxiliary has a web site where you can access more information at www.alaforveterans.org. The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota website at www.mnala.org also contains helpful information. You can click on Programs and go to Girls State.

A \$1,250 Samsung Scholarship is available for one Girls State Citizen and one Boys State Citizen in each state. To be eligible, the student must be a direct descendant of a Veteran. All state winners will receive \$1,250.00 and continue to compete for 10 - \$10,000 scholarships and 10 - \$5,000 scholarships. Information on how to access this scholarship application on-line will be mailed to the student after receiving notification that they have been selected to represent their local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

Thank you for the assistance you have given this program in the past and for your part in assisting the Unit with the selection of a citizen this year.

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