

Thank-you for your interest in the American Legion Auxiliary Evergreen Girls State program! This is an exciting program where students are chosen by local American Legion Auxiliary Units to attend Evergreen Girls State in Ellensburg during the week of June 12-18, 2011. Evergreen Girls State is an Americanism program that examines the responsibilities of citizenship.

Evergreen Girls State focuses on city, county and state government. During this week, you will have the opportunity to participate in the legislative, executive or judicial branch of government, learn how bills are written and the process each bill takes in becoming a law plus many other interactive activities. You will hear from a variety of speakers representing various occupations and have the opportunity to meet several hundred ambitious young women like yourself representing high schools from the State of Washington.

It is the hope of the American Legion Auxiliary, that this program will not only teach young women about the value of involvement in government and the responsibilities of citizenship but will also open many future doors for those who attend.

If you are selected to attend Girls State, you will have the opportunity to apply for several scholarships. The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Samsung Corporation offer the Samsung scholarship to Girls and Boys State participants. Ten scholarships worth \$20,000 are awarded nationwide to top Girls and Boys State citizens from around the country. Each state winner will receive a \$1000 award and continue on to the national level of competition. To enhance your chances of earning this scholarship opportunity, it is imperative that you take the SAT's as soon as possible. In the past, applicants without these scores have had little or no chance of advancing to the national level of competition.

If you are selected to attend Evergreen Girls State, you will also have the chance to earn four college credits through Adams State College. These credits are elective credits that are transferable to Universities around the country. Information on the Samsung scholarship and college credits will be available in May 2011.

The American Legion Auxiliary and the staff of Evergreen Girls State are excited to present this program to interested young women who have completed their junior year of high school. You can find information about the Evergreen Girls State program in additional information sent to your high school principal or junior class advisor. Please ask your school officials for this additional information or look us up on our web site at: [www.walegion-aux.org](http://www.walegion-aux.org) or at [www.evergreen-girlsstate.com](http://www.evergreen-girlsstate.com)

Good luck in your selection process! Hope to see you in June!

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