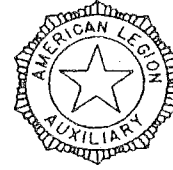




AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
EVERGREEN GIRLS STATE



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 13-19, 2010. 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 the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. 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 2010

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

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

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Evergreen Girls State is a leadership program focusing on Americanism and government training sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Girls State allows young women the opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens where individuals learn about the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship. This workshop in democracy is an invaluable lesson into how the American political system works.

Evergreen Girls State is the week of June 13-19, 2010. Citizens who attend Girls State must attend the entire week! Those eligible to attend must be entering their senior year of high school.

Girls State Girls can look forward to a variety of activities including legislative debate, listening to inspiring guest speakers, problem solving activities, mock trials, fast song competitions, Americanism activities and many other things!



Girls State offers opportunities to apply for college scholarships! The Samsung Corporation along with the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary award scholarships to Girls State citizens valued at \$20,000.

You may also earn college credits while attending Girls State! Citizens can earn four credits through the University of Colorado.

Two young women will also have the chance to attend Girls Nation held in Washington DC in July 2010!

Evergreen Girls State is a great place to learn about patriotism! Girls State citizens will have the opportunity to attend many meaningful presentations honoring our country and those who have served it.

If you are interested in attending Evergreen Girls State, please contact your high school counselor or a member of an American Legion Auxiliary Unit in your area. Information is also available at www.walegion-aux.org

Program

There are fourteen cities, four counties, and two political parties at Girls State. Each girl is assigned to a city and to a mock political party (*Nationalist or Federalist*). Citizens learn about the advantages and disadvantages of the two-party system of government through activities.

Political parties are organized at the city precinct level and continue through county and state conventions.

Platforms are developed, candidates for county and state offices are endorsed, and primary and general elections are held.

Following the general election, officials carry out the duties of their office. Evergreen Girls State citizens have the opportunity to participate in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of government.

