

Call for JUNIOR GIRLS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

GIRLS STATE Delegates

Held: June 2-8, 2019 @ University of Arizona, Tucson

INFORMATION SESSION MONDAY 1/28 @ LUNCH

The Arizona American Legion Auxiliary Arizona announces their sponsorship of the 72nd prestigious Girls State program. This unique civic leadership program gives girls training in setting up their own miniature city, county and state governments and governing themselves according to the rules and procedures set by the laws of their home state. I encourage you to learn more about this opportunity by viewing the video www.boysandgirlsstate.org.

It is an honor and privilege to be selected to attend Girls State, and is a distinctive opportunity for students. **THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION FOR INTERESTED JUNIORS IS AN ACTIVE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING AND LEADERSHIP.** Additional qualifications are:

- will complete her senior year May 2020 and will not graduate early
- able to participate fully in all phases of the fast-paced program
- must remain for entire session including awards ceremony on Saturday morning
- have indicated interest in government; cooperative and able to follow directives, establish rules & attend orientations
- provide own transportation to and from Girls State and if driving self, must turn their car keys into the director and purchase additional parking permit for week
- **WILL NOT** be excused for testing, activities, appointments, classes; special request must be approved prior to registration
- willing to participate in flag ceremonies and show respect for non-denominational activity/prayer

There will be a nominal fee (approx. \$100) required of the selected delegates along with paperwork requirements. The remaining fee is a scholarship given by the auxiliary for the one week program. **Any girl submitting a portfolio for review by the DMHS Scholarship review committee *must* be available and attend the 1 week program, at the University of Arizona June 2-8, 2019.** 5 girls will be selected to interview 2/11/19 at DM with an auxiliary member who makes the final selection of 3 delegates & 2 alternates.

Interested ladies who meet the qualifications should submit a resume, unofficial transcript, recent test scores (PSAT/ACT/SAT) - also known as a portfolio - and a written statement of *why you are interested in attending* (no more than 1 page, single sided) to Mrs. Loftus no later than Monday, February 4 by 2:45 pm. *No* late or incomplete submissions will be considered.

To help you in putting together a portfolio remember that you should have already built a resume using NAVIANCE. There is also a resume template in the file section of the DMHS College and Career website, or Google a format. Include your email. Unofficial transcripts can be ordered through Guidance office (24 hour turn around) or at www.parchment.com (self-view is free). Log into your College Board account to print your most recent PSAT/SAT score. I will be glad to answer *any other* questions. (For more details visit the announcement on the DM College & Career Webpage)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a marquee program of the American Legion Auxiliary that has been training female high school students for civic leadership since 1937. Through a week-long "simulated government" immersive learning experience, America's future leaders assume roles in the fictional "National" and "Federal" political parties, run for and hold offices that mirror their state's elective offices, and in one jam-packed week learn fundamentals about the legislative process, the three branches of government and parliamentary procedure. Students selected to participate in this prestigious program learn life-long lessons in leadership grounded in civility, teamwork, advocacy, consensus-building and respect. They have fun. They make lasting friendships. They leave enriched, using what they learn throughout their lives for the betterment of our country. We need to stress that the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors Girls State. **NO** federal funding is provided to Girls State. It is a privilege to attend Girls State not a right and those attending will agree to follow customs and practices that come with our preamble of "For God and Country". If this is not possible, then this might not be the program for the student.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a nonpartisan participatory program that teaches young women responsible citizenship grounded in ethics, the principles of our nation's founders and respect for God and Country. American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is among the nation's most respected educational programs of government instruction and leadership development for U.S. high-school students.

Since the inception of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young women have had the opportunity to learn firsthand how their state and local government work. The program has grown from a few hundred participants to some 25,000 annually.

The American Legion sponsors a separate but similar program for young men called American Legion Boys State, first established in 1935. Currently, both American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs operate in all states.

High-school juniors are selected and sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary units to participate in the program. Local businesses or community organizations may help underwrite participants' expenses. Because the structure of state and local government varies from state to state, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs may vary in content and method of procedure, but each adheres to the same basic core values in teaching government from the city to the state level.

Female students who demonstrate leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service in their school and community should be considered. American Legion Auxiliary Girls State participants are to be selected on the basis of merit and ability.

These are talking points and facts in a nut shell for American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Girls State brochure and other printed material provide further explanation of the program.