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DEPARTMENT of NEBRASKA

Cornhusker Girls State
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Dear High School Principal and/or Guidance Counselor,

For nearly 100 years the American Legion Auxiliary has been dedicated to helping young women understand the privilege we call the American Dream by developing core values of good citizenship and civic responsibility through its Girls State program. At Girls State, young women learn how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for their rights as citizens.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nebraska is pleased to announce the 84th session of American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State will be held May 31 – June 6, 2026.

Recruitment of qualified candidates for Girls State has always been a partnership between local High Schools and American Legion Auxiliary Units. As a counselor or staff member of your school, you are among the most knowledgeable individuals regarding the academic, leadership, citizenship and other important qualities which provide the very best candidates for this unique experience.

We would like to solicit your assistance in notifying the girls in your Junior Class about this outstanding program. Enclosed is a flyer and brochure for your use in promoting the program. Selection as a delegate to Girls State is one of the highest honors conferred on a high school student.

This year a maximum of 350 delegates will be accepted to attend Girls State. The application fee of \$450 is funded by American Legion Auxiliary Units, community organizations or businesses, or school organizations. More than one delegate from your school can be accepted to attend Girls State if funding is available and approval is given.

Due to the distance from the western part of Nebraska, the American Legion Districts in that area provide transportation (at a small fee) to those selected to attend Girls State (and Boys State). A list of students will be provided to the District contact person, who will then provide the transportation information to the students. Enclosed is the list of Districts with the counties and schools in each District.

A representative from one or more American Legion Auxiliary Units in your area will be contacting you to obtain a list of students who meet Girls State qualifications. Application forms for prospective candidates are available through your local Auxiliary Unit. If there is no Auxiliary Unit in your area and you have girls interested in attending Girls State, please contact the American Legion Auxiliary Department Office at 402-466-1808 for the name of a Unit in your area or any other assistance you may need.

Thank you for your assistance with our program. If you have questions or need additional information regarding Girls State, please contact me via email or phone.

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DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

The following American Legion Districts provide transportation to students in their Districts who are selected to attend Girls State (and Boys State). Department Headquarters will provide a list of students to the district contact person who will then provide transportation information to the students. If you attend any of the listed schools or live in the counties listed and have not been notified by at least two weeks before Girls State (Boys State), please contact the Girls State Secretary at negirlsstate@outlook.com or 402-659-6689.

District 1

Counties	Brown, Cherry, Dawes, Keya Paha, Rock, and Sheridan
High Schools	Ainsworth, Cody-Kilgore, Valentine, Chadron, Crawford, Keya Paha County, Rock County, Stuart, Gordon-Rushville, and Hay Springs.

District 4

Counties	Box Butte, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Kimball, Morrill, and Scottsbluff
High Schools	Alliance, Hemingford, Leyton, Potter-Dix, Sidney, South Platte, Creek Valley, Garden County, Hyannis, Kimball, Bayard, Bridgeport, Minatare, Scottsbluff, Gering, Mitchell, and Morrill.

District 5

Counties	Arthur, Dawson, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, and Thomas
High Schools	Arthur, Cozad, Sumner (SEM), Eustis-Farnam, Gothenburg, Lexington, Overton, Mullen, Ogallala, Paxton Consolidated, Hershey, Maxwell, Brady, North Platte, Saint Patrick's North Platte, Sutherland, Wallace, Stapleton, Sandhills Valley, Perkins County, and Thedford.

District 9

Counties	Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow
High Schools	Wauneta-Palisade, Dundy County, Medicine Valley, Eustis-Farnam, Maywood, Arapahoe, Southern Valley, Cambridge Public, Elwood Public, Hayes Center, Hitchcock County, and Southwest Public.

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