



Dear Principal/Counselor/Class Sponsor:

This session of Girls State will be held at **Laramie County Community College** in Cheyenne on **June 9 - 15, 2024**. We are looking for young ladies from your Junior class, who show leadership potential. A delegate is chosen by the following traits: their desire to attend Girls State; an interest in government; leadership abilities; honesty; character; the ability to cooperate with others; a willingness to obey the rules; scholarship; and community participation/service. If selected, Girls State offers great opportunities for college scholarships and 3 college credits. Delegates have the chance at a paid trip to Washington DC if they are selected to represent Wyoming at Girls Nation. We will be opening the **application process starting in February of 2024**. This opportunity is **free** to your Junior class students.

Girls State is a week-long government/leadership camp that is paid for by your local American Legion Auxiliary Units. We basically simulate the Wyoming government. Delegates are placed in cities where they run for mayor, police chief, postal clerk, etc. Then they spend the week either being senators/representatives debating bills and passing bills that they wrote or they role play as Supreme Court justices, lawyers, and clients in actual cases that have been adjudicated here in Wyoming. The purpose of Wyoming Girls state is to teach basic civics, love of country and support of veterans. Wyoming Girls State gives the girls an opportunity to meet different students from all over the state. The bonds and friendships formed often last beyond high school. I find that Girls State gives the young women the confidence they need as they approach their senior year and beyond. I got involved in this program because many years ago, I was a delegate from Uinta County. Girls State changed my world and gave me a great love and understanding on how our state and country work. I feel this is essential in our current crisis.

*A local Auxiliary Girls State Chairman should be contacting your school. If you are not contacted by **March 15**. Please contact me. Thank you for your support and help in educating our youth and making our communities stronger.*

For God & Country,

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