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American Legion Auxiliary NM Girls State Taking Applications for 2018 Session

The nation's most prestigious leadership program for young women is now taking applicants

(PORTALES, NM) - The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) New Mexico Girls State is now looking for outstanding young women - going into their senior year of high school - to apply to the summer 2018 session of ALA NM Girls State.

ALA NM Girls State will be held at the ENMU Portales campus and girls will be provided free housing and meals for the week. Dates will be Sunday, June 3 to Friday, June 8.

There are multiple opportunities for scholarships, college credit, and the opportunity for two lucky young women to travel to Washington D.C. to participate in American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation.

ALA Girls State attendees, known as "citizens," participate in a week long intensive hands on study of non-partisan government from the city, county and state level of offices. Citizens receive special instruction in parliamentary procedure and organize themselves into two mock political parties. The young women explore the government process through campaigning, party rallies, debates and ultimately voting to elect city, county, and state officials. Once elected to office, citizens are sworn in and perform their prescribed duties including Senate and House of Representatives sessions and District Courts. Attendees not elected to office are given appointments and participate in the courts and other necessary civil servant jobs.

For more information please contact our director Alisha Jones at Director@ALANMGirlsState.org or our media team at Media@ALANMGirlsState.org. You can apply at our website <http://www.alanmgirlsstate.org>.

About American Legion Auxiliary:

For nearly a century, members of the ALA have dedicated themselves to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military, and their families both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours annually, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. As part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, ALA volunteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and military through annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. To learn more about the ALA's mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

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