The application process for Nevada Girls State is once again upon us! The Seventieth Annual Session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Nevada Girls State will be held June 25th to July 1st, 2017, at the University of Nevada, Reno 4-H Youth Camp at Lake Tahoe. We are again asking for your help in selecting qualified and enthusiastic delegates for this year's session. Young women who have completed their junior year of high school by the time of the program, and who are preparing to enter their senior year of high school, are eligible to be delegates.

2017 Nevada Girls State

All information on the Nevada Girls State program is available online at:

www.NevadaGirlsState.net

What you will find:

• the information regarding whether or not your school has an Auxiliary Unit with whom you may work to select delegates (how to proceed once you have interested delegates depends upon this information)

• brochures on the program

• the application for our program

• information for selected delegates about the program

• the waivers packet for selected delegates

• packing lists, transportation and information, and program information

Frequently Asked Questions:

How many delegates can a school send?

Your school is allotted 3 delegates and 3 alternates. If you have funding for more delegates you are allowed to send as many delegates as you can find funding for and we have room for!

How much is the cost per student?

The registration fee per delegate is $250.00, plus there is a $40.00 materials fee* and a $75.00 bus fee* (for those getting on the bus south of Silver Springs) to be paid by the delegate to be submitted with the registration form and fee.

Who pays the fees for the students?

The fees for the delegates to attend the program are up to the school, unit, and student to obtain. Some of the units may be able to help fund some of or all of the fees for a delegate. (IMPORTANT: Having a Unit associated with a school DOESN'T guarantee the Unit will be able to help financially at all. That is something the school and the Unit will have to work out together.) Some schools are able to find funding through special program and leadership program funds, such as JROTC, Student Council, etc.. Some families are able to help pay for the delegate's fees (we do suggest asking the family to pay at least

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the $30.00 Materials Fee). Financial assistance may also be sought through other means such as donations from local elected officials or service clubs. Sometimes all the student needs to do is contact these people/organizations and ask for assistance. Frequently it's a combination of all of the above that helps get delegates to the program.

**Why is the funding different from the Boys State Program?**

Nevada Girls State and Nevada Boys State are two separate organizations with different funding streams. The American Legion is a sponsor of Boys State and they have a much larger membership base from which to solicit donations for their program than the American Legion Auxiliary and Nevada Girls State do. Also, sadly, sometimes people find it more intuitive to donate to leadership programs for young men than they do for the same sort of program for young women. Our program is, thanks in large part to the University of Nevada, Reno, cost covering. The funds we take in go directly to the cost of the program and nothing more.

**When is the deadline to submit registration forms?**

Please submit all delegate and alternate registration forms to a unit, if available, or to the Nevada Girls State program, no later than **June 1st**.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us using the information listed below.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

Sincerely,

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*Material fees and bus fees submitted by selected delegates are non-refundable, regardless of whether they attend the session or not. Registration fees may or may not be refundable depending upon when a delegate informs the program they cannot attend.*