

Kansas Girls State

Dear Teachers;

The following is a brief description of Girls State. Please read this to your classes so young women who may be interested have time to think about this unique opportunity. I would also appreciate any suggestions from you about girls who would be good candidates for our program. Please give suggestions to or ask the young women to get in touch with the contact person for your school. The Shawnee American Legion Auxiliary will be conducting interviews in early spring to select candidates.

Girls State is for young women who will be completing their junior year of high school in the spring of 2010. Candidates must be a United States citizen and not object to properly respecting the flag of our country. It is a non-partisan, non-political program designed to teach youth of America that democracy belongs to them. The girls will elect their own city, county, and state officials. They will have their own city councils, county commissions, Senate, and House of Representatives where they will present and debate their own bills, resolutions, and ordinances. During this week of intensive training in citizenship and government, these self-governing young women will learn that they too have a responsibility in preserving the integrity of our nation, and that America's future depend mainly upon the intelligence and honesty of our youth in carrying forward the principles of government as founded by our forefathers.

This year Girls State takes place on the campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, June 6th -June 11th 2010.

Interviews will be conducted by individual basis. Any interested young lady must contact me to set up an interview prior to March 15th, 2010.

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