



American Legion Auxiliary

~Department of Wisconsin~

Badger Girls State

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December 2009

Dear High School Principal,

The American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State session will be held at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh campus in Oshkosh, WI beginning Sunday, June 20 and ending Friday, June 25, 2010. This will be our 67th session of promoting this Americanism program and we sincerely hope that your school plans to participate again this year.

Our 66th session ended last year with 731 young ladies completing our citizenship-training program. We hope your school's delegates benefited and will be available to encourage others from your school to participate.

Your school's sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit has been sent the 2010 Badger Girls State Reservation and Information packet. A representative from that Auxiliary Unit will be contacting you regarding your schools plans to participate. They will then complete and submit a reservation form (with the delegate fee) to Department Headquarters in Portage by the deadline date of January 29, 2010. **IF YOUR SPONSORING UNIT HAS NOT CONTACTED YOU BY HOLIDAY BREAK - OR IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO SPONSORS YOUR SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER LISTED BELOW FOR ASSISTANCE.**

To help you promote the program with ALL YOUR 11th GRADE GIRLS, we've enclosed the Badger Girls State brochure and a publicity poster for you to display. The poster is intended to plant the seed and peak student interest in the program while providing them with contact information. The brochure will give them the opportunity to read about the program now, discuss it with their parents and decide whether or not they would like an opportunity to represent your school. Please feel free to make copies.

In February, you will receive a registration packet containing instructions and materials your delegate(s) as well as alternate(s) will need to register. It is most important to include your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit in on the choice of your delegate so they too have contact information for these delegates and alternates should something happen after the school closes for the summer and before the Badger Girls State Session begins. If you have any questions about registration contact Carrie (at Dept. Headquarters) at 608-745-0124 ext. 214.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have Badger Girls State questions. If I'm unavailable, direct your call or e-mail to one of the following committee members:

Virginia Kodl, Assistant Executive Director: Phone 715-669-5432, email: kodlvirg@discover-net.net

Jeannine Conradt, Chairman: Phone 920-986-3800, email: JeannineLeroyConradt@msn.com

Carol Sidwell, Vice-Chairman: Phone 608-296-4090, email: cms002@hughes.net

Sincerely,

Delores Woolf

Delores Woolf, Executive Director

Badger Girls State Committee

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Cut here and return bottom portion by January 2, 2010 to:

Badger Girls State, PO BOX 140, Portage, WI 53901

Badger Girls State **registration materials** are mailed directly to participating high schools in February/March. Please help us update our database by telling us who receives this information for your school. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**

Name of High School: _____

High School BGS Contact Person: _____ Position: _____

School Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone #: (____) _____ Ext: _____

Badger Girls State



June 20-25, 2010



Open to all eligible Junior High School girls

Stay at UW-Oshkosh and experience dorm life

A chance to meet awesome girls from around WI

Campaigning, Pep rallies, State Fair, Talent Show

A unique citizenship educational opportunity

Want more information?

Contact your Guidance Counselor

OR

Visit the Badger Girls State website:

www.badgergirlsstate.org

List all Social Studies classes you have had or are now taking, Scholastic and Honorary Awards and all Extracurricular Activities in which you have participated. Be sure to indicate all offices held.

Grade 9

Grade 10

Grade 11

I talked to the girl(s) that attended the session last year.

_____ Yes _____ No

At the end of my fifth semester, my grade point average is _____ which puts me in the upper half of my class.

High School Counselor's Signature: _____

Selection Committee: Following is the point system, which we encourage you to use.

Point System:

Interest, Leadership, Character, Fitness.....50%

1. Candidate is a **Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary**, the sponsoring organization of Badger Girls State (automatic 10% of the 50%)
2. Interest (Social Studies classes should indicate interest in government)
3. Leadership (Class/Club Offices, etc.)
4. Character... High standard of conduct (cooperative, considerate, courteous); good reputation; dependable; truthful; fine ideals; punctual; interest in family and school; willingness to follow rigid rules.
5. Good health and physical fitness.

Scholarship (not the prime point)... upper half of class.....30%

Extra-Curricular Activities.....20%

(Athletics, Clubs, Speech, Music, Knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure/Roberts Rules)



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities

December 2009

Dear Guidance Counselor:

The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest patriotic women's service organization, with over 900,000 members across this Nation; founded in 1919 to support the work of The American Legion. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors volunteer programs on the national, state and local levels, with focus on three major areas; veterans, children and community.

American Legion Auxiliary members believe that a solid educational foundation is the cornerstone of American freedom. The Auxiliary's Education program promotes and supports students in their desire for continued education beyond high school by offering scholarships.

In 2010 the Wisconsin - American Legion Auxiliary will be awarding \$23,000 in scholarships to children and grandchildren of veterans, with an additional \$4,500 in scholarship awards from the National American Legion Auxiliary organization. Please see actual applications for qualifications and additional requirements.

Application for the Wisconsin - American Legion Auxiliary scholarships are enclosed and also available on our website: www.amlegionauxwi.org. The National American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications are enclosed and available on their website: www.legion-aux.org. Please feel free to make copies of all applications.

Please note that all **Wisconsin** American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications must have local Auxiliary Unit certification and signature. Number of Wisconsin ALA Scholarship applications submitted by local Auxiliary Units is not restricted. All completed applications are to be sent to Education Chairman Elizabeth Staff, 920 – 8th Ave. N, Onalaska, WI 54650, **no later than March 15, 2010.**

National American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications must be forwarded to a local Auxiliary Unit for judging; the local Auxiliary Unit will sign and forward only one (1) winning application to the Wisconsin Auxiliary Education Chairman Elizabeth Staff, 920 – 8th Ave. N, Onalaska, WI 54650. Wisconsin's Education Chairman will judge the applications and forward only one (1) application for competition at the divisional level.

If you or your students have any questions, please feel free to contact Education Chairman Elizabeth Staff at 608-781-6888 or by email: raykline@centurytel.net. You may also contact me at the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters in Portage, 608-745-0124 or deptsec@amlegionauxwi.org.

Sincerely,

Kathy Wollmer

Kathy Wollmer, Department Secretary