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Dear Girls State Delegate:

This is the first Girls State mailing you will receive with information on the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Program. Further information on the Girls State Session, June 1-8, 2025, will be sent to you during the first week of May.

Check List for Information:

- **Please check** your name and address as it appears on your **mailing label**. Please **confirm by email** if there is a spelling error, you have a new address or if all **your information** is complete. This information becomes the database and will be used when sending you information. We want the information as accurate as possible and will track each girl's response. Send emails to ...ahhpenny@aol.com...by **April 30th**. You will receive a confirmation that she received your information.
- In this packet you will find information to apply for the American Legion Samsung Scholarship. **If eligible**, please follow the directions and fill out the application completely. You will **bring a hard copy** of the completed application with you to Girls State. It is not mandatory that you apply for this scholarship to attend Girls State. **You need to start early as you will need to review the required documents and provide what is asked for in the instructions. Specifically, the requirement to submit supporting documentation from school authorities.** This cannot be completed after **school is out**.
- Some of you still have missing information (**shirt size...many of you have checked two sizes and you will only be given one size, questionnaire, checked boxes, signatures, social media policy or your picture**) and your card is **INCOMPLETE** and cannot be processed fully. Please respond when called or emailed what is requested **ASAP** or before **April 30th** to assure you have a complete application. Most of you are complete, **thank you so much**, and I have been working with schools and your parents to get needed information. Most information can be emailed.

If needed--Please send missing information to:

Penny Maklary
1354 12th Street
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- Girls State Orientations will be held differently this year. Orientations are highly recommended and for some Units mandated that you and a parent/guardian attend to fully

understand the program, receive helpful information and be able to ask questions. If you are unable to attend, your parent/guardian or other family member may do so for you. Your Auxiliary Unit will invite you to attend and please respond to the number provided. Most of you in the Phoenix area are being contacted about the two orientations that will be held the last of April or in May. Other dates are scheduled, and you will be notified by your sponsoring Unit. If you are **not assigned** to a Unit, or have not been notified, please call me (520-850-1951) or Department Headquarters (602-241-1080). All orientations have the same material and information provided. We will put orientation schedule on the Girls State website at www.azgirlsstate.com. Alternates are asked to attend orientations in case they take the place of a delegate that is unable to attend.

- In your next packet there will be a yellow health card that needs to be filled out between **May 1st and June 1st**. This is not a physical but a well check-up (eyes-ears-nose-throat) to make sure you are able to attend. Prior sports physicals are not accepted unless they are done within the time frame required by our insurance. The health card may be completed by any **certified health care provider**. It is a check-up not a complete physical. We suggest making an appointment now and not waiting. All information will be hand delivered to one of the registered nurses we have on staff at registration.

Please use this check list to make sure you have all the needed information completed, emailed or returned by date required. Missing information could result in registration issues, hold-ups and incomplete data base used for elections and awards. Please make sure you open all packets from Girls State **immediately when received and respond accordingly by deadlines**. Important information is always enclosed that will make the Girls State process go smoothly for you.

Please check the Arizona Girls State web site at www.azgirlsstate.org for latest and most current information on the program. If it is currently under construction, it will be completed soon.

Thank you for your assistance, it makes a difference. Looking forward to meeting each of you at Girls State..... **THE BEST STATE IN THE LAND.**

Penny Maklary
American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State
Director