AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Alaska Girls State

To Whom it May Concern,

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is the premier program of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) held in all 50 states and D.C. ALA Alaska Girls State is a selective, apolitical, non-partisan leadership program that operates as an intensive simulation of local, borough, and state government. Rather than learning through traditional lectures, delegates/citizens are immersed in a hands-on laboratory environment. They draft and debate legislation, run political campaigns, manage court systems, and hold elections to operate fully functioning government structures from the ground up.

The schedule required of these students is demanding and meets the rigorous instructional standards of a high school elective. From Monday through Saturday, delegates are engaged in structured academic programming from 8:00 to 8:00. Factoring in 30-minute meal breaks, rest time and recreational activities, students complete **10.5 hours of active instructional and practical application each day, totaling 65 academic hours over the six-day session.**

Based on state and national standards for high school Carnegie units, 60-75 instructional hours satisfy the seat-time requirement mandated for a half-credit semester course. Officially recognizing this program would reward the exceptional civic commitment of your students and provide them with fair academic standing for the extensive coursework they complete during the summer.

Our program issues a certificate of completion to every student who successfully fulfills the session's requirements. I am happy to provide our full curriculum guidelines, daily schedules, and specific learning objectives to assist in your review.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and your ongoing commitment to developing active, civically minded leaders in our community. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Nina Ketelsen, ALA Alaska Girls State Director

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