

**Ely American Legion Post 555 Girls State Application (17-22 June 2018)**

**Drake University Campus**

**The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program changes lives by bringing together dynamic young women for an intense week of leadership, patriotism, and community. The Girls State program is a proven leadership laboratory. A fictional self-governing state of young women elects their own leaders, write bills for debate, and run a legislative session. In the process, these leaders dynamically engage with state representatives and senators.**

**American Legion Auxiliary Girls State provides an opportunity for superior high school women who have completed their junior year to experience the “nitty gritty” of state government processes by living outside the textbook. This program not only instills in its attendees a sense of pride and loyalty in America, but also prepares these women for a career in politics, public service, and excellence along their career path. It is the chance to plunge headfirst into democracy, develop sharp leadership skills, and create the foundation for informed and responsible world citizenship.**

**Eligibility: All applicants must be female students completing their junior year of high school in the spring of 2018. The Ely American Legion will pay for registration to the event. Those applicants wishing consideration as a candidate for Girls State will prepare a resume highlighting school activities, extra-curricular activities, community activities, work experience, and any other information that would indicate the character and work ethic of the student. Applicants may submit this form along with their resume to [contact@elylegion.com](mailto:contact@elylegion.com) or mail applications to Post 555, PO Box 2555, Ely, Iowa 52227. Applications and resumes are due by February 15, 2018. For further information, contact Marv Peters at (319) 848-4764.**

**Contestant Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' or legal Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' or legal Guardian Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' or legal Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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