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Regarding: COVID-19 update of the ND American Legion Auxiliary Flickertail Girls State Program

The ND American Legion Auxiliary Girls State team will be unable to host 2020 ALA Flickertail Girls State on the University of North Dakota campus due to the cancellations of all UND summer programming, as a result of the current COVID-19 crisis. With that announcement, the ALA ND Girls State Board is aware that this national crisis has prevented young people from participating in many things that they were looking forward to. The ALA ND Girls State Board does not want the suspension of the in-person program to deter or take away from continuing to make the 2020 ALA ND Flickertail Girls State popular.

There are many factors that the ALA ND Girls State Board is currently deciding at this time. One option is exploring the idea of an online program. If this option would become available, further discussion of the following would include:

- Those that have already applied will be able to list they were selected to ALA ND Girls State on resumes and future applications.
- Current fees that have been sent to ALA ND Girls State have not been deposited, so those checks will be returned.
- Applicants that have been selected by the ALA ND Girls State Board will be contacted and offered the online program **IF** that becomes available.
- Girls that show interest in a possible online program and are eligible for the Samsung Scholarship could apply for that. The Samsung Scholarship would be chosen by the ALA ND Department per the guidelines that have been used from the ALA National Headquarters guidelines.
- Will there be online opportunities and if so, this is what that **could** possibly look like:
  - Promotion of the online program would be through contacting schools to reach out to their e-Learning students, Facebook promotion, and reaching out to units.
  - Units will continue to promote the ALA ND Girls State program and give contact information of interested girls to the ALA ND Girls State Board. There would potentially be no fee for the online program.
  - Girls that register for an online program would be able to list the 2020 ALA ND Flickertail Girls State program on resumes and future applications for their own personal use.
  - Certificates of completion of the program would be considered.
  - The ND High School credit would NOT be an option this year as the hours of a potential online program would be significantly diminished and would not qualify under the guidelines of the credit.
  - Previous years have allowed us to offer the civics exam to students. The ALA ND Girls State Board is looking into this as a continued option.

Sincerely,

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