Dear New Hampshire Educator:

We are writing to every high school principal, social studies department chair, and guidance department in New Hampshire. We are also writing to every registered home school association, local post, and junior ROTC unit. Included with this letter are copies of the application materials for the 2020 sessions of American Legion New Hampshire Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Granite Girls State.

Boys State and Girls State are non-partisan programs that are now in their eighth decade of providing classroom and practical instruction in civics to New Hampshire’s high school students. Each year, over one hundred and fifty youth who have just finished their junior year assemble from around the state to learn about New Hampshire’s system of self-government. In the process, they interact with municipal officials, lawmakers, elected office-holders, law-enforcement personnel, veterans, and their high-performing peers. Four of the students who attend the New Hampshire program will be among the 200 national-level finalists – selected from the more than 30,000 Boys State and Girls State delegates nationwide – who will travel to Boys Nation and Girls Nation and represent New Hampshire in Washington, DC, all at the expense of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Our 2020 programs will take place on the campus of Saint Anselm College in Manchester. Boys State will run from Sunday, June 21, through Friday, June 26; Girls State will run from Friday, June 19, through Wednesday, June 24. Much more information about the programs, as well as application materials, are available on our website at www.nhboysstate.org and https://alagranitegirlsstate.wordpress.com/. We are confident that you have many qualified students, and we encourage your school to send several students to both Boys State and Girls State. No qualified student has ever been turned away for lack of space.

On behalf of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, we want to thank you for your past cooperation and interest in sending those students whom you consider best qualified to maintain the program’s standards and who will benefit from our program of instruction. Ideally, we would be grateful to receive applications for the 2020 program before Memorial Day. If you cannot contact your local American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary post, or are unsure which post to contact, please call our Department Headquarters at the phone number above, or at nhsect@legionnh.org. We look forward to working with your students this summer.

Respectfully yours,

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Boys State Chair

Melissa Greenwood
Girls State Chair