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Dear Applicants for the 2020 ALA Colorado Girls State Session,

The purpose of this email is to provide you with an important program update regarding the 2020 American Legion Auxiliary Colorado Girls State program. As of March 26th, 2020, the program is cancelled.

Please know that the ALACGS Operations Committee did not make this decision lightly. Each and every year, our organization has taken immense pride in providing each new class of delegates with an unforgettable week-long experience focused on promoting leadership, civic engagement, and the empowerment of young women. We as a staff take great joy in sharing this program with every new class of delegates, which is why the decision was especially difficult. However, the safety and well-being of our students is, and will always be, our top priority. With the recent developments with the corona virus and lack of containment, there is no amount of precautions or sanitization that could ever be enough to guarantee the protection of staff and students. It is with heavy hearts that we make this announcement, but we do so with eyes to the future.

This is an unprecedented event in our program's history; therefore, it will take unprecedented action to ensure that we continue to offer this program equitably in future years. Though nothing is yet set in stone, we will be putting forth a resolution to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Colorado to allow seniors and juniors to attend the program in 2021. This would allow students who missed out on this year's cancelled session the opportunity to still experience the program next year. We hope you'll keep this in mind and continue to monitor our website for updates as we continue these efforts.

Scholarship opportunities continue to be available through the American Legion Auxiliary website, and we hope you will take advantage of those opportunities as well. If you have any questions about these, our program, or anything else, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

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