

# Coventry Board of Education

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The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors Girls Nation and Girls State to teach high school students following their junior year how government and the political process work on the local, state and national level. Each summer approximately 17,000 young women participate in Girls State sessions in 48 states. Two outstanding citizens are chosen in each state to become Girls Nation Senators.

Amanda McGowan, Coventry High School senior, was one of the only 96 young women selected from all over the country to attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> American legion Auxiliary Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. this past summer. From July 19-26, 2008, she was one of two "Senators" who represented Girls State at this premier leadership conference.

At Girls Nation these young women participated in senate sessions caucusing and debating bills and campaigning to elect party offices and the President and Vice President. These youthful lawmakers also had the opportunity to visit many national sites such as the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill where they met with their Congressmen, and the White House which also included a visit with the President of the United States.

Amanda McGowan, will be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment at an upcoming Coventry Board of Education meeting. For more information please contact the Superintendent's Office.