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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Utica-Rome Metro League of Women Voters to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your students.

We are looking for help in finding Oneida County high school students that would be interested in attending the 25<sup>th</sup> annual *Students Inside Albany* conference, which is scheduled to be held May 18-21, 2025, in Albany. Attending students will be chaperoned by League of Women Voters staffers. Of the students that apply, our chapter will award one student the opportunity to attend this spring's Students Inside Albany (SIA) Conference at no cost.

The SIA conference, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc., is designed to increase students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility. This interactive conference will bring together high school students from across the state to learn about New York State government ***and the process by which citizens can participate in the policy making arena***. As part of this program, students will also tour the Capitol and observe both the Senate and Assembly in action by spending an afternoon shadowing their legislator.

Students are sponsored by one of the over 50 local League of Women Voters throughout New York State; all their expenses are covered, including travel and three nights at the Hotel Albany, downtown Albany. The participants will receive a student membership in the League of Women Voters of Oneida County, which includes an e-mail newsletter and invitations to meetings on government related topics.

*Students are selected through a competitive application process designed to assess their interests, goals and leadership abilities. To be eligible, applicants must be high school students residing in the school district of Oneida County and maintaining a grade point average of 80% or equivalent).*

Applications for nominations are due to us via mail or email by February 15, 2025. The winner will be notified by **March 7**; the program itself will run from May 18-21, 2025.

We appreciate your support of this exciting opportunity and look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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