

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
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**Resolution No. 30: American Legion Boys Nation Eligibility
Origin: Americanism Commission
Submitted by: Americanism Commission**

WHEREAS, American Legion Boys State and American Legion Boys Nation have each provided a unique and highly successful youth program for high school boys that focuses on participation and practical experience in a model government at state and federal levels, respectively; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Boys Nation is a youth program administered by The American Legion National Organization, therefore the national organization possesses the authority to establish eligibility for participation in the Boys Nation program; and

WHEREAS, While the Americanism Commission may offer suggested guidelines for the operation of American Legion Boys State programs, the December 2011 change to the federal charter implemented by the U.S. Congress established that The American Legion National Organization may not control or otherwise influence the specific activities and conduct of state or local chapters, thereby giving American Legion departments the ultimate authority for establishing criteria for eligibility, selection, participation and operation of their own American Legion Boys State program; and

WHEREAS, The Americanism Commission of the national organization seeks to clearly establish eligibility criteria for participation in the American Legion Boys Nation program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That each American Legion Boys State program may send two delegates of their and/or their department's choosing to attend American Legion Boys Nation that same year of selection; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That delegates attending American Legion Boys Nation must:

- **be between their junior and senior years of high school**
- **have one or two semesters of high school remaining; and, be it finally**

RESOLVED, That departments and/or American Legion Boys State programs evaluating delegates to attend American Legion Boys Nation are strongly urged to select those who during their Boys State experience displayed exceptional qualities of maturity, initiative, leadership, enthusiasm, good interpersonal skills and a genuine desire to learn.