THE AMERICAN LEGION Boys STATE

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American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. In this exciting summer program, you can run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government.

You will meet other students from across your state who will become friends for life.

You will develop a confidence that will shape your future.

Successful completion of Boys State and Girls State is recognized by employers, service academies and university admissions boards as an indicator of strong leadership and character traits. Many colleges and universities offer scholarships or admission preference to attendees of Boys or Girls State programs.

You can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations by gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of our democratic republic.

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# Are you up for the challenge?

# Get involved!

## The American Legion BOYS • STATE

Leadership Fun Citizenship Recreation Patriotism Friends Public Speaking

American Legion Boys State is one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction in our nation. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of state governments, while imparting citizenship, leadership and character development through a non-partisan perspective. Boys State has been a program of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion since 1935.

City, county and state governments at Boys State are operated by officials duly elected and appointed to office by its "citizens." Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, program assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs.

Young men who have completed their junior year of high school and receive a recommendation from school officials are interviewed and selected by American Legion posts to attend Boys State. Costs are generally paid by a sponsoring American Legion post, local business or another community-based organization.

Two outstanding participants of each Boys State program are selected to attend American Legion Boys Nation in Washington D.C. Objectives are similar to Boys State, except the focus is the study of federal government.

## American Legion Auxiliary GIRLS • STATE

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works.

High school girls, who have completed their junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary-sponsored Girls State programs in every state (with the exception of Hawaii). In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit, a local business or another community-based organization.

Citizens learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens. Two girls are selected from each Girls State program to attend Girls Nation, a national government training program. Girls Nation "senators" meet for a week in Washington, D.C., where they run for political office, lobby for the passage of legislation and meet with U.S. Representatives and Senators. Capping off the week of Girls Nation is oftentimes a meeting with the President of the United States at the White House.