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75th Boys State Information

The American Legion – Department of New Hampshire is proud to announce the 75th annual session of **Boys State**, the week that shapes a lifetime! Our 2022 program will take place from **Sunday, June 26, through Friday, July 1**, on the campus of **Saint Anselm College** in **Manchester**.

Boys State is a **six-day training course in study and practical application of problems of self-government**. It is meant to supplement Civics or Government as taught in high schools across the state, and it is planned so students can put the theories of American government as taught in the classroom into practice. **Please join us!**

75th American Legion New Hampshire Boys State – Saint Anselm College, Manchester
June 26 – July 1, 2022
www.NHboysState.org

BOYS STATE PURPOSES: American Legion Boys State is a practical application of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of our nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve our American traditions.

Boys State grows out of the American Legion's faith in our young people, and its firm belief that the future leaders of our country should be given the tools necessary to keep it: a deep appreciation of active citizenship, an understanding of democracy, a familiarity with our American form of government, and the discernment to select – and to be – productive leaders.

All participants will be tested at the conclusion of the program to evaluate the quality of the material presented and the effectiveness of the program. **All students will be eligible to apply for multiple scholarship opportunities of up to \$1,000.00 each, and totaling over \$7,000.00.**

THE PROGRAM: "LEARN BY DOING" - When the students arrive on campus, they will be assigned to a city or town, to the House or Senate, to an Executive Council District, and to a mythical political party. Conduct of the program will function under the basic laws of the State of New Hampshire using the existing constitution and existing laws as a guide. The citizens of Boys State have their own legislature, introduce and argue their own bills and conduct their own elections. Each student has a chance to learn for himself that government is just what he makes it.

THE STAFF: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND COUNSELORS are trained and experienced leaders of young men who have passed a background check. Experienced counselors of excellent character and an ability to deal with young men are selected for staff. Most are Boys State Graduates. Junior counselors are recent Boys State Graduates who have shown maturity and an interest in the purposes of Boys State. Instructors and lecturers will be some of the most outstanding personalities available. They include political incumbents, former elected officials, Senators, Representatives, Mayors, Selectmen, Attorneys, Judges and other officials.

VISITORS: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, SPONSORS AND PARENTS are invited and urged to visit Boys State at some time during the session. Visitors are requested to make their presence known to a staff member upon arrival. Visitors are especially invited to the graduation ceremonies on the final day of the session.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

TIME AND PLACE: American Legion New Hampshire Boys State will be held on the campus of Saint Anselm College in Manchester beginning on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26, and ending after graduation on the evening of Friday, July 1, 2021. All students will be housed on campus, and meals will be provided by the college dining service. Students will make a visit to the State House in Concord during the program.

ELIGIBILITY: BOYS WHO WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL in 2022 will be accepted if they have an academic average of 80 or better, are of good character and in good health, have outstanding qualities of leadership and citizenship, submit a draft bill or resolution, and submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$25.00. Schools and local American Legion posts will nominate individual students as part of the application process. **There is no limit on the number of qualified students that can be sent to Boys State from any particular school or post.**

COSTS: **The only cost to the student is a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00, plus transportation to and from Saint Anselm College and any desired personal incidentals.** Meals and snacks will be provided during the program by the American Legion. **All other costs of attendance will be borne by the American Legion Sponsor.** After the program concludes, each boy is asked to share his impression of Boys State with his Sponsor.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR SPONSORS: Sponsors are usually an American Legion post, individuals, or civic, school, or community organizations. The Sponsor (not the student or his family) pays the additional per-student tuition of \$360.00. This tuition covers the cost of room, board, instructional material, recreation, and necessary expenses. Sponsorship checks should be made payable to THE AMERICAN LEGION – DEPT OF NH and send in to Department Headquarters along with the completed application form and draft bill.

HEALTH & MEDICAL: Delegates to Boys State will be protected by a supplemental group health and accident insurance policy. This policy is not intended to replace any primary coverage already carried by the boy or his parents; it is additional coverage. Ever care will be taken to avoid accidents or illness, but Boys State will not be responsible for either injuries or sickness, if they occur. Each boy must **bring with him** on the first day of the program a medical certificate (form provided with application) attesting that he is in good health.

HOW TO APPLY

Application materials are available online at www.NHBoysState.org. Copies have been sent to every high school and American Legion post in the state, as well. You can apply online, or on the paper forms. Here is the process:

- 1) Complete Part One of the application, either online or on paper.
- 2) Ask your high school to nominate you. (Each high school does this differently.) Your principal will sign Part Two of the application, indicating that you have been nominated. **There is no limit to the number of students that a school may nominate.**
- 3) If you are nominated, submit your application, draft bill, and the \$25.00 application fee to your local American Legion post, and ask it to sponsor you by signing Part Three of the application. If you do not know which post to contact locally, please call headquarters at (603) 856-8951, or refer to the listing of local posts in New Hampshire at www.NHBoysState.org.

If you are selected by the local post, it will submit your application directly to Department Headquarters in Concord, along with the Sponsor's payment. You will then receive an acceptance packet with additional information in early June 2022.

For additional information or applications, see your guidance counselor, visit the Boys State website at www.NHBoysState.org or contact Department Headquarters at (603) 856-8591.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
IN CONCORD BY MAY 31, 2022**