



Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations and welcome to The American Legion Boys State family! American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. I am confident that you will not be disappointed with your decision to participate in this outstanding citizenship education experience. It will likely influence your life decisions in ways that you cannot fully appreciate until years later.

As one of the 20,000 young men who participate nationwide in this activity, you will experience government in a practical sense by actually participating in it. American Legion Boys State is a leadership action program; one that teaches government and its structure. It proves that government is just what you make it. You will find it to be challenging and sometimes tiring, and I'm certain you will always find it to be enjoyable and educational.

If this government "...of the people, by the people, and for the people" is to remain strong, it requires the involvement of its citizens. The onus of preparing for that responsibility now rests squarely upon your shoulders, and those of future generations. For eighty-three plus years, American Legion Boys State has been prominent in producing young men, just like you, ready to accept that responsibility.

I hope that those of you who are eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion will take advantage of the opportunity to join while you are at American Legion Boys State, and that when you return home you will also share information about the American Legion Family with your family and friends.

Again I extend best wishes for an interest-provoking, exciting and personally rewarding 2018 American Legion Boys State experience.

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