

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE 83RD ANNUAL: JUNE 12 – JUNE 18, 2022 WEST VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL PACKET

OVERVIEW: Enclosed is information on The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. ALMBS, which has existed since 1936, is a youth development program offering young students better insight into the practical operation of state government and to demonstrate that citizens are responsible for the character and success of their government. As such, ALMBS is an activity of high educational value, born out of the need for youth development and practical citizenship.

ALMBS is a *leadership action program* where qualified high school students take part in a practical government exercise. It is designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of state government and to impress upon the citizen the fact that our government is just what we make it.

The goal of ALMBS is to teach good government through participation by becoming a mythical state government and operating it as such. It is an objective citizenship training program which strives to inculcate individual responsibility to the community, state, and nation.

Please take the time to review the enclosed materials and provide the requested response by January 17, 2022. You may visit <http://wvboysstate.org> for additional information on the program.

It remains our goal to have every high school and home school community in the State of West Virginia represented at each annual ALMBS session. We are willing to work with you to assure that your high school is represented at the program.

Please do not hesitate to address any questions regarding ALMBS to the point of contact for your area listed in the enclosed materials. You may direct questions and concerns to Director at almbs@wvboysstate.org.

PURPOSE: ALMBS has been a program of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia since 1936. ALMBS participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with multiple levels of government activities operated by the participants elected to the various offices. There are executive, legislative, and judicial sessions; assemblies with a variety of keynote speakers; and Americanism presentations.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 & 2021 sessions, each high school senior class will be permitted at least one attendee to the 2022 session along with the junior class attendees.

BENEFITS: ALMBS graduates become members of an elite group of individuals who have completed “*A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!*” and return as better citizens and leaders to their local schools and communities. ALMBS attendees who are current high school juniors are eligible to apply for the Samsung Scholarship if they are direct descendants of a US wartime veteran. This scholarship opportunity is worth up to \$10,000 towards any higher education institution, including but not limited to state, private, and technical institutions. All ALMBS graduates are also eligible for numerous leadership scholarships at private and public colleges and universities across the nation. ALMBS attendees also receive extra merit points toward admission to all US Military Service Academies.

Note: All applicants of the Samsung Scholarship will submit an online application. During the application process, the applicant is required to provide their high school official’s contact information for confirmation of GPA, class ranking, etc. Please be prepared to respond to these requests so that your students can successfully be considered for potentially \$10,000 in scholarship funds.

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COST: The entire cost for one boy to attend ALMBS is \$250.00. Local American Legion posts, or sponsors they can obtain, usually pay this fee. ALMBS is always looking for sponsors and perhaps you may have some civic groups, individuals or businesses in your community that would be willing to underwrite the cost of sending young men to ALMBS. If so, please contact your local American Legion Post or The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at (888) 534-4667. An interested applicant may also locate his own sponsor or he and/or his family may pay the \$250.00 fee, which covers program expenses. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, Inc. is a non-profit 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization and any donation to ALMBS is tax deductible as allowed by applicable law.

QUALIFICATIONS: Individuals who meet the below qualifications are eligible to apply for admission to ALMBS. **Due to the cancellation of the 2020 & 2021 sessions, each high school senior class will be permitted at least one attendee to the 2022 session along with the junior class attendees.**

1. Be a member of the male enrollment of the current junior class.
2. Have a 2.75 grade point average or higher on a four-point scale or its equivalent. (**Note:** Schools should use the most current cumulative grade point average as of the time of their response.)
3. Have demonstrated outstanding qualities in the areas of school activities, community activities, and character.
4. Have never attended an American Legion Boys State program previously.
5. Be a citizen of West Virginia OR attend a high school in West Virginia.

ALMBS is open to those meeting the above requirements regardless of race, color, religion, disability, socioeconomic status, or national origin.

PROCEDURE: It is requested that by **January 17, 2022**, each high school provide ALMBS with an eligible candidate list of **ALL** students who meet the qualifications. The preferred method is by exporting an eligible candidate list directly from WVEIS or other appropriate data management system. **The eligible candidate list can then be submitted electronically to almbs@wvboysstate.org** or mailed to The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, c/o Director Robbie Robinson, P.O. Box 3191, Charleston, West Virginia 25332. If submitting electronically, please ensure you provide the high school's name, county, point of contact, point of contact title, email, phone, and fax information in the body of the email.

Another way to submit the eligible candidate list of ALL students who meet the qualifications is by completing the attached "Eligible Candidates List" and returning it to The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, c/o Director Robbie Robinson, P.O. Box 3191, Charleston, West Virginia 25332, as soon as possible, but no later than January 17, 2022.

When preparing the report please ensure the students first name, last name, junior/senior class designation, complete mailing address, and phone number are present. *Please make a copy for your records and forward a copy to your local ALMBS Representative.*

Do not list anyone who does not have all the above qualifications. It has been proven that candidates who possess the above qualifications have a better chance of adjusting to The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program and will be of value to the recommending school and community upon their return. ***All eligible candidates who apply for admission, must be able to commit to participate for the entire duration of the ALMBS.***

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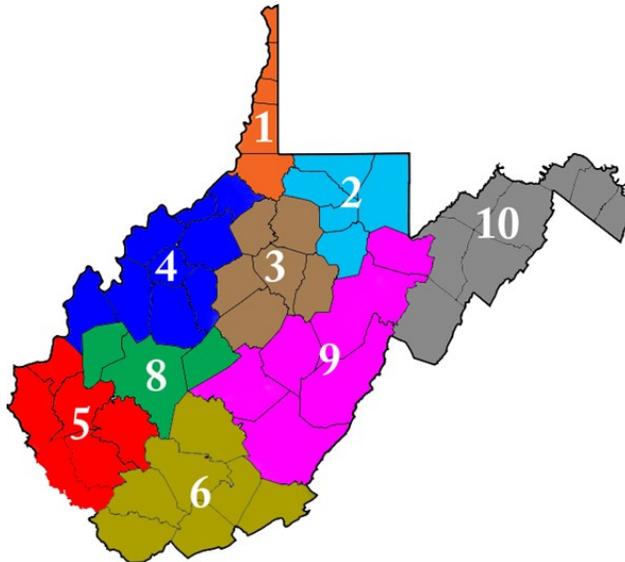
We are asking you to coordinate with your local ALMBS Representative to make this opportunity available to ALL students who meet the qualifications. If you do not know who your ALMBS Representative is, please refer to the list below for the available resources in your area.

We have also provided you with an **ALMBS Application**. You may provide copies of the application to qualified young men. We ask you to keep the completed applications at your school to be picked up by your ALMBS Representative.

Please remember that the eligible candidate list you submit is not an application. We will use the eligible candidate list to provide information regarding the ALMBS opportunity to those who appear on it. The American Legion will screen all applicants and select those for admission. Unfortunately, there is a limit on the number of young men who can be admitted to ALMBS, and we cannot guarantee that every student that you list will be able to attend. Feel free to rank your applicants in order of admission preference.

POINTS OF CONTACT: If you have any questions, please contact an individual assigned to your area. The ALMBS website (<http://wvboysstate.org>) may also provide useful information. The American Legion Department of West Virginia website (<http://wvlegion.org>) may also be used as a reference.

- District 1: Jim Davis (304) 481-4021 or Roger Hayes (304) 670-4654
- District 2: Doug Robinson (304) 641-4993 or Randall Kocsis (304) 672-9991
- District 3: Jacob McCarty (304) 376-2673 or Bob Wines (304) 266-8717
- District 4: Jim Davis (304) 481-4021 or Robbie Robinson (304) 582-3210
- District 5: Frank Cooley (304) 887-4381 or Donnie Lambert (304) 621-0483
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- District 8: Bob Wines (304) 266-8717 or Jim Davis (304) 481-4021
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