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Who? There are several criteria for applying for Kentucky Boys State. They are:

- 1) Are you a Junior in high school? Will you be a rising senior over the Summer?
- 2) Do you attend a Kentucky High School or home schooled full-time? Out of state students are possible in unique cases.
- 3) Do you possess leadership qualities? Good character? Solid grades and participate high school activities?
- 4) Do you have enthusiasm to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity?



What? American Legion Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students, and is considered a highly regarded leadership training program. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935, and was established in Kentucky in 1940.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, training in various topics, assemblies, journalism and recreational programs.

High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. Selection can be made as well by the Executive Director, especially for students in areas under represented by American Legion Posts. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization. Parents are allowed to donate the fees for their child to attend the program.



Why? Attending Kentucky Boys State is a life changing opportunity, "A week that changes a lifetime!" Participants spend an entire week learning about Kentucky State government, history, communications, government, leadership and various other topics. In addition, there are many other benefits to attending Kentucky Boys State:

- 1) Networking with other high school juniors throughout the State of Kentucky, including staff and volunteers.
- 2) Letters of Recommendations for college, military academies and employment. Boys State is a MAJOR plus for ROTC and Academy appointments.
- 3) Potential college credit for Political Science at participating colleges and universities.
- 4) A chance to attend Boys Nation in Washington D.C. with all expenses paid by the American Legion.