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Boys State Program



Northwood University in Midland, MI

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**NOTHING** is more important to the future and security of our American government system than the young people in today's high schools. They must not only understand our system of government but they must be committed to becoming personally involved in making our communities better places to live.

You have an opportunity to help instill in today's young men some of the tools they will need in years to come such as the knowledge of state, county and city government and the desire to become active community leaders by sponsoring young men for The American Legion, Department of Michigan Boys State Program.

Some of the most commonly asked questions are as follows and give insight to the program.

**Q. What is the Boys State Program?**

**A.** Boys State is a hands-on program where participants set up their own mock state with all of its governmental bodies, problems and opportunities at the state, county and city levels. The young men will campaign for a variety of government offices such as state governor to city drain commissioner.

**Q. Where is the Boys State Program located and how long is the program?**

**A.** The Boys State Program is a 7-day government program held in June that is located on the beautiful campus of Northwood University in Midland, Michigan.

**Q. Who can attend the Boys State Program?**

**A.** Any young men in their junior year of high school, who are 15 years old by June 1, 2008 and have an interest in government or any young men who are enrolled in an accredited home-schooled program in the equivalent of their junior year of high school and will be 15 years old by June 1, 2008 and have an interest in government.

**Q. Who can sponsor a young man and what is the cost of the program?**

**A.** Anyone can sponsor a young man to attend the program for example: American Legion Post, Sons of the Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, business (private or public), club, organization, school, parent etc and the cost to the sponsor is \$310 per boy.

**Q. How does a young man in his junior year of high school apply for the program?**

**A.** A young man can contact any of the above-mentioned resources and ask if they would be willing to sponsor him to attend the program. Once the sponsor has agreed to pay the sponsorship fee, the sponsor needs to fill out a Boys State Reservation form, make out a check or money order for the boy(s) being sponsored and send everything to **The American Legion, Department of Michigan, attn: Deanna Clark, 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Lansing, MI, 48915.**

**Q. Where does someone get a Boys State Reservation form?**

**A.** All American Legion Posts will have a Boys State Reservation form and all Michigan high school offices will have them as well. If someone doesn't have a reservation form, you can obtain one from the boys state website at [www.michiganboysstate.org](http://www.michiganboysstate.org) or you can contact the Administrative Assistant for Programs Deanna Clark at 517-371-4720 ext 11 or by e-mail at [programs@michiganlegion.org](mailto:programs@michiganlegion.org) and request a form.

**To find further information regarding The American Legion, Department of Michigan Boys State Program, consult the website at [www.michiganboysstate.org](http://www.michiganboysstate.org) or for further assistance, email us at [programs@michiganlegion.org](mailto:programs@michiganlegion.org).**