The American Legion, Department of Michigan offers high school students several opportunities to gain valuable experience that will last a lifetime. At the same time, students can earn money for college or earn the needed community service points required on many college entrance applications, including the West Point Military Academy.

Steps to applying:

1. Choose a scholarship or program
2. Email packet@michigan legion.org to have applications emailed directly to you when they become available. Please share these forms with your students or visit our website.
3. Apply: be aware of the deadline dates written for the scholarship or program.
4. If you have any questions refer to the applications or call 517-371-4720 ext 23
5. For a directory of American Legion Posts in Michigan visit www.legion.org/posts. Some AL Posts offer scholarships for students wanting to attend Boys State, Girls State, and Student Trooper.
6. These programs are powerful and dynamic. If a student is having trouble finding funding to attend a program, contact The American Legion, Department of Michigan let us help them.

The American Legion has programs that offer scholarships for college

Students who attend Boys State or Girls State, and are descendants of a war time era veteran may apply for the opportunity to win $20,000 from the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

The American Legion, Department of Michigan has opportunities for ALL students for a chance to earn scholarships from different programs the American Legion offers.

Veterans serving veterans since 1919

www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
Boys State Program

Everyone says “We need more young people to get involved.”
The American Legion teaches them how.

What is Boys State?

Boys State is an educational program sponsored by the American Legion Departments across the country to help young men learn about government and how it works. Our motto is “Learn by Doing.” The Boys State educational staff’s goal is to facilitate the learning process by giving the citizens of Boys State an opportunity to govern themselves, and to run their own state.

Boys State is LEARNING.

Delegates have the opportunity to learn more about their city, county, and state government in one week at Boys State than in an entire semester in a formal classroom setting. Boys Staters meet with elected and appointed officials to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of a variety of positions in government from people on the “inside.” Additionally, in Boys State, each citizen has the opportunity to learn for himself that his government is just what he makes it.

Boys State is POLITICS.

The first half of your Boys State experience will expose you to the world of politics. You will nominate candidates for partisan and non-partisan offices on the city, county, and state level. You will also, no doubt, be exposed to the “seamy” side of politics...the wheeling and dealing, the promises that cannot be kept, the vote trading, and the cajoling, to give a candidate or a party that “extra advantage.”

Boys State is GOVERNMENT.

When the dust has settled from the conventions, campaigns, and elections, Boys State needs to be governed for four days by its elected and appointed officials. Boys Staters will find themselves performing exactly the same functions as real office holders in the everyday world. Education and University Boards must make policies for their areas of responsibility. City councils, county commissions, and the state legislature must make ordinances and laws for their constituencies. Executive departments and other administrators must see that laws and policies are properly interpreted.

“This program changed my life. It has allowed me to establish lifelong friendships, learn from some of the best counselors, and allowed me to meet some very honorable American Legion members.” –Ian M. class of 2010

2018 Boys State is at Grand Valley State University - Allendale, Michigan
June 17 - 23, 2018

ZANE O.—CLASS OF 2017

“I have learned so much about government and life through this program. I would recommend and encourage everyone to go to Boys State. I am truly humbled and so thankful to the American Legion for allowing me to have this experience.”

Participants in Boys State, who are direct descendants of a wartime era veteran, have the opportunity to win up to $1,000 scholarship and up to a $20,000 scholarship from Samsung.

Contact Jerry Kelley at (734) 434-8272 / jkelley2136@sbcglobal.net

or State Headquarters at (517) 371-4720 ext.23
legion@michiganlegion.org

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By Nathan Seibelink, 2017 Boys Stater

I arrived at the GVSU campus around 10 o’clock Sunday morning knowing no one. Most Legion posts and schools send only a few young men each year to Boys State. Even at the end of the first day, I only knew a handful of names. However, by the end of the week the bonds and friendships I had with my fellow delegates had become some of the strongest I have ever had.

I’m Nathan Siebelink, and I attended 2017 Michigan Boys State. The 2016 delegates left Jefferson, my assigned city, with numerous infrastructure problems and around $74 million in debt. On the first day, my fellow citizens and I looked at all our city’s issues and started brainstorming ways to fix them by the end of the week. Though I ended up in county government, I still regularly checked in with Jefferson’s legislative branch to see how things were going.

During the first two days, elections were held for city, county, and state positions, with the big four (Attorney General, SOS, Lt Governor and Governor) voted on last. It felt remarkably close to a real election, with the delegates divided into two arbitrary parties which compete in the general election. I was elected Prosecuting Attorney in my county on Monday night; this satisfied me, though I could have run for a state spot the next day.

Once elections finished, Boys State ran a few sessions of All Governments Functioning (AGF) each day. As Prosecuting Attorney in the Williams County Circuit Court, I represented Boys State in various mock trials, though some dockets are pulled from real past cases. Throughout the week’s AGF sessions, I read cases, pressed charges, argued vigorously on behalf of the state, and had the satisfaction of winning some of them. I had to reason through the details of each case, sometimes researching prior court rulings for use in trial, and got a hands-on experience of the inner workings of judicial government.

This week has affected my life in a permanent way. Through a stronger understanding of the US government, I can be more politically aware. I have a network of people who are true friends, likely for life. I would strongly recommend Boys State to any male high school junior looking to learn how the government works, and suggest Girls State to female juniors of the same inclination.

Applications may be obtained by emailing packet@michiganlegion.org
Michigan State Troopers and Law Enforcement Officers from around the State will show cadets what their life is like every day on the job. They bring their personal experience to the teachings of the day.

**Cadets will learn:**
- Proper gun safety while live-firing handguns under the supervision of the Michigan State Police firing range officers.
- Self-defense techniques
- The adrenaline rush of underwater rescue and recovery in the training center pool
- Crash site investigation
- First aid
- Police K-9 units and their incredible abilities
- Basic “CSI- Crime Scene Investigations”
- Intense physical training (Yes, you will run!)
- How to work as a team

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Descendant of War-time Era Veterans Apply

Guy Wilson Scholarship

Scholarship award amount is $500

Scholarship only available to Michigan high school students and

• A son, daughter, grandchild or great-grandchild of a war-time veteran planning to attend any Michigan accredited college or university.

• Selection based on a student’s G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher, financial need, parent’s or grandparent’s honorable active war-time military service, goals and intentions.

Submit this scholarship form along with requested information to the American Legion’s District Commander by the deadline date of January 8, 2018, (not postmarked by).

Scholarship award amount is $500 and not renewable.

Scholarship only available to Michigan high school student or college student (with no bachelors degree) and

• Who is a son, daughter, grandchild or great-grandchild of a war-time veteran planning to or are attending any nationally accredited college or university.

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What is a war-time era? Did the veteran serve during any of the dates below?

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World War II - Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946
Vietnam War - Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

Lebanon/Grenada - Aug. 24, 1982 - Jul. 31, 1984
FAQ’s

1. Who can sponsor the student to Boys State, Girls State, or Student Trooper?  Anyone may sponsor a student to the programs. Many American Legion posts offer scholarships, businesses may donate to our 501 c3 Michigan American Legion Foundation, families may pay for the program, and schools sometimes have sponsored students.

2. Is there a limit on how many students may attend from one school?  No

3. Is there a limit on the number of programs one student may apply for?  No

4. For student trooper, you must be entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the 2018-2019 school year.

5. How do I show financial records when I file electronically?  Print the 1040 tax form from your tax program and sign anywhere on the sheet.

6. My grandchild or family member lives out of state, but will be visiting Michigan during that time. Can they attend these Michigan programs?  Yes they may.

7. Eagle Scouts must apply within one year of obtaining their Eagle Scout status


9. What are the wartime era dates?

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The 4 Pillars of The American Legion

- Veterans
- Children & Youth
- National Security
- Americanism
American Legion Legacy Scholarship

A child of a fallen 9/11 servicemember or a child of a VA-rated, post 9/11 veteran with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher can apply for a legacy scholarship!!

Since the inception of The American Legion Legacy Scholarship in 2001 following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, The American Legion has offered its support to the children of fallen post-9/11 servicemembers through this scholarship. Beginning with the 2017 award year, The American Legion expanded the scholarship to include children of VA-rated, post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher. Our organization remains committed to honoring the memory and service of our fallen and disabled comrades by ensuring their children are afforded the best possible educational opportunities.

Financial Aid Offered
The total amount of Legacy Scholarship money to be awarded varies based on the amount of donations received each year and the total amount of income derived from interest on the trust each year. Fifty percent of each amount is made available for awards each year—beginning with the 2017 award year. Each award made is good for one year and may be up to $20,000. The amount of each award is determined by the financial need of that student as determined by fiscal information provided by the applicant during the application process. Awards are dependent on the amount of award money, the number of applicants, and the total need in a given year. The American Legion will strive to offer as many awards as possible.

To learn more and apply visit: legion.org/scholarships/legacy

Oratorical Contest Scholarships

9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grader in need of college money!!

Who can give a prepared oratorical presentation and an impromptu speech?

Who has an interest in the U.S. Constitution?

Contestants have an opportunity to win $800 to $1,500 in scholarship money at the department level. Those moving on to the National Contest will receive $1500 for each level they move up to and compete for up to $18,000 in scholarship money at the National Oratorical Finals.

2018 Program deadlines:
• Contestant must register with the Oratorical Zone Chairman by Saturday, November 18, 2017.
• Zone contests must be completed by January 29, 2018
• Department contest will be on February 24, 2018

If you are interested visit your local American Legion Post or contact the Zone contest representative and ask them if you can represent them at the contest. michiganlegion.org/scholarships.html

This contest is open to ALL high school students in the 9th to 12th grade and contestants may compete multiple years, unless they win the National Finals.

To receive the application, oratorical requirements, and the pre-registration form or to help locate a Legion Post near you please email packet@michiganlegion.org.

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Legion
Scholarships for 2018
Are Here!!

More than $40,000 in College Money to give away!!
Tell your students about these opportunities!!!

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Packets include all of the applications and forms discussed in this announcement.

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Hostilities Includes Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom