



# Michigan American Legion Boys' State Program

*"A Week That Shapes A Lifetime"*  
**June 14-18, 2021**  
**Virtual Session**



The purpose of the Michigan American Legion Boys' State program is to educate young men in the internal workings of our form of government. This is achieved by providing a stage from which to learn, by allowing them to create the 51st State in the Nation. The program will be different from an in-person event in that concentration will be placed on the executive, legislative, and judicial state-level branches of government. Delegates will represent fictional cities, but the cities will not be in operation. They learn from being involved. Involvement is what makes a difference in our form of government. We hope that our program is a stepping stone to bigger and better things for all those who attend.

**Time and Place:** Our Boys' State program will be held virtually beginning on the morning of Monday, June 14, and ending after graduation on Friday, June 18, 2021. The program will be from 9 am to 5 pm each day.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Michigan Boys' State is open to young men who have completed their junior year of high school (or the equivalent of 11<sup>th</sup> grade in an accredited homeschool program) and who are ready to enter the senior class in the Fall of 2021. Due to the cancellation of our 2020 session because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to also allow seniors who will be graduating in the summer of 2021. However, due to The American Legion national policy, students who are graduating in 2021 (seniors) are NOT eligible to attend Boys Nation (national's program) or receive the scholarships associated with Boys Nation attendance.

**Technology Requirements:** Each delegate will be required to have a computer, webcam, microphone, high-speed internet connection, and a suitable environment for learning.

**Who Should Attend?** Students who demonstrate an interest in government and politics. Students that are leaders or demonstrate the potential to lead in a positive manner. This includes student council members, class officers, members of debate teams, band members or anyone else that would benefit from this leadership development experience.

**Costs:** Application Fee- **\$25.00 Non-refundable (paid by the student)**

Program Fee- **\$125.00 (paid by American Legion Post or other Community Sponsor)**

*If you are having trouble obtaining a sponsor to pay the \$125 program fee, please indicate that in the sponsor section then send your application with the \$25 application fee to department headquarters and we will attempt to secure a sponsorship for you to attend the program.*

**Sponsor:** Anyone can sponsor a delegate(s) to attend the program such as an American Legion Post, Sons of the American Legion Squadron, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, civic organization, business, club, school, family, or interested individuals. If unsure of which Legion Post to contact locally, please refer to the post locator found at [www.legion.org/posts](http://www.legion.org/posts) or call department headquarters at (517) 220-2754 for assistance.

**Refund Policy:** Any delegate who, for unforeseen reasons, cannot fulfill his obligations to attend the program before the application deadline date of May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, will need **his sponsor** to submit a written request to The American Legion Department of Michigan Attn: Boys' State, 212 N. Verlinden Ave. Ste A Lansing, MI 48915 to receive a full refund. Refunds in writing received from May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 13, 2021, will result in a deduction of \$45 (administration fee) per boy. **\$25 application fee is non-refundable.** Once the Boys' State program starts, there will be NO REFUNDS for delegates who do not attend the program.

If you have questions or concerns contact Ashley at 517-220-2754 or [legion@michiganlegion.org](mailto:legion@michiganlegion.org)

**Application Deadline is May 28, 2021**

[legion@michiganlegion.org](mailto:legion@michiganlegion.org)

[www.michiganboysstate.org](http://www.michiganboysstate.org)



The American Legion  
Michigan Boys' State  
Delegate Application



**Instructions- Read Carefully**

- Complete pages 2-4 in their entirety. All pages must be completed in order for the application to be accepted.
- Please PRINT all information legibly to ensure additional information is sent to your home and badges/certificates are printed correctly.
- The \$25 application fee (paid by delegate) and the \$125 program fee (paid by sponsor) must accompany the application. Applications that are received without the \$25 application fee will not be processed.
- Make checks out to "The Michigan American Legion Foundation" and include "Boys' State" in the memo line.
- Mail payment and application to: The American Legion, Department of Michigan, Attn: Boys' State, 212 N. Verlinden Ave., Lansing, MI 48915. **Application must be received by May 28, 2021.**

**Boys' State Delegate Information**

Delegate Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

MI

Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Name of hometown newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a direct descendant of a veteran?  No  Yes

Do you plan on applying to a military academy?  No  Yes

**Parent Information**

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Is the parent address the same as the delegates?  Yes  No (If no, please provide their address below)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency call (*choose most reliable*)  Home Phone  Cell

**School Information**

I am currently a:  Junior (11<sup>th</sup> grade)       Senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) and graduating in 2021

I attend a high school

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Social Studies/Political Science/History Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am homeschooled and I follow

Online College/Academy \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program \_\_\_\_\_

Program Location \_\_\_\_\_ Program Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Organization**

Name of Post or other sponsoring party that is paying the \$125 program fee for you to attend Boys' State. If there is more than one sponsor please attach a list to the back of this application. *The check for the program fee should be made out to 'Michigan American Legion Foundation' with 'Boys' State' written in the memo line.*

Yes, I have a Sponsor.       I do NOT have a sponsor and would like help finding one.

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's email \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Confirmation Form:** *This form must be completely filled out and signed by a parent or legal guardian in order for the application to be accepted. Check the appropriate box and initial for each part.*

**Photo and Video Consent**

I understand that, as part of the Michigan American Legion Boys' State program, persons associated with the program and the news media may photograph, videotape, or record my son engaged in program activities. I hereby give permission for Michigan American Legion Boys' State program to published my son's likeness in Boys' State materials, Social Media sites and on the Boys' State Website.

Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOYS' STATE DELEGATE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING: Signed by both the Boys' State Applicant and Parent/Guardian.**

By accepting the nomination to attend Boys' State, I agree to adhere to the following conditions:  
To participate in an active, constructive, and positive way. To cooperate with the Boys' State staff at all times. To attend the entire five-day virtual session unless excused by written permission from parent that should be attached to this form. To be courteous and respectful to guests and speakers. To obey the rules of the program and not hinder its smooth operation. To have a good time and learn!

Boys' State Delegate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Pages 2-4 by May 28, 2021 to:**  
**The American Legion Dept. of Michigan**  
**Attn: Boys' State**  
**212 N. Verlinden Ave.**  
**Lansing, MI 48915**