

# GOOD OF THE LEGION

Items to share with your post members at your next post meeting or to display on the bulletin board.

## REMINDER: EAGLE SCOUT \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

American Legion, Department of Michigan Scouting program sponsors over 65 troops, packs, and crews in our American Legion posts. The Legion's support for Boy Scouts of America began at the Legion's first national convention in 1919. This is natural for Legionnaires, who bring their service-learned skills and experiences as veterans to help build character and positive traits in our country's youth. Few other post activities generate more goodwill from the community.

### **Eagle Scout of the Year: Applications Due March 1, 2023**

The American Legion Department of Michigan honors the Eagle Scout of the Year at the department convention. The winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship and is advanced to the national competition.

The American Legion annually honors the Eagle Scout of the Year at the national convention. The winner of the National award receives a \$10,000 scholarship, and the three runners-up are each awarded \$2,500 scholarships. Eagle Scout of the Year application and eligibility requirements can be found at [www.michiganlegion.org/scouting](http://www.michiganlegion.org/scouting).

## \$500 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

### NOMINATE A LOCAL TEACHER

K-12 Teachers are a national treasure; their job to educate our youth is, at times, challenging but very rewarding. Teachers help shape the future of our country through the lessons and principles they teach to the youth who sit day after day in their classroom. The American Legion knows some teachers teach about patriotism, Americanism, and the founding principles of the United States of America. We recognize that teachers spend their own money in the classroom and on their kids to make learning more enjoyable or easier to comprehend. Every year in The American Legion, the Department of Michigan recognizes five teachers working hard to impart those lessons to the children entrusted to them. We realize this is only a small gesture in the grand scheme of things, but we want to recognize them for their work.

Posts are asked to work with their local schools to help locate a teacher that fits the criteria to be nominated for this award. Nomination forms are available on our website and are **due by April 3, 2023**. Contact the Programs Coordinator, [legion@michiganlegion.org](mailto:legion@michiganlegion.org), if you have any questions or need a hard copy of the nomination form mailed to you.

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## **Boys State: A Civic Leadership Program**

The American Legion Boys State program is a non-partisan, non-political mock government exercise. At Boys State, participants learn citizens' rights, privileges, and responsibilities. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of our nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, and involved citizenry is vitally needed to protect and preserve our American traditions. The training is objective and modeled on the city, county, and state government structures.

Boys State grows out of the American Legion's faith in our young people and its firm belief that the future leaders of our country should have the tools necessary to keep it: a deep appreciation of active citizenship, an understanding of democracy, familiarity with our American form of government, and the discernment to select – and to be – productive leaders.

**When: June 18-24, 2023**

Where: Grand Valley State University- Allendale, MI

Eligibility: Male high school juniors going into their senior year in the fall of 2023

**Application Deadline: May 1, 2023**

**Cost: \$25 Delegate Application Fee plus \$400 Sponsor Fee; total \$425.**

Sponsor: A sponsor can be an American Legion Post, Son of the American Legion Squadron, or an American Legion Auxiliary Unit, but it can also be the boy's parents, a business owner, a school, or another organization like the Elks, Knights of Columbus, or a Moose club.

**Visit [www.michiganboysstate.org](http://www.michiganboysstate.org)** for additional information on our Boys State Program or to download the application. Questions can be directed to Ashley Zimmer, 517-220-2754 or [legion@michiganlegion.org](mailto:legion@michiganlegion.org).

## **Student Trooper Program: \$500-\$1,000 Scholarships Available**

Every year, high school students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades are selected to participate in the Youth Law Cadet Law Enforcement Program. The program's purpose is to allow male and female students to explore and experience the various aspects of law enforcement training. Students participate in daily calisthenics and receive training in firearms, self-defense, fingerprinting, K-9 handling, accident and criminal investigation, and state patrol car driving. Students stay at the Michigan State Police Training Academy in Lansing.

**Program Dates: June 11-16, 2023**

**Application Deadline: April 10, 2023**

Cost: \$475 per student, usually sponsored by an American Legion Post/Squadron/Unit or other civic organization.

**Eligibility:** Any boy or girl meeting the following standards who is going into 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the Fall of 2022, and is a Michigan resident, is eligible to be considered for selection into the Student Trooper Program:

- (a) in good health and able to participate in physical activities;
- (b) possess a positive attitude and display respect for law enforcement;
- (c) average or above average academic record; 2.5 GPA and above; and
- (d) possess a level 2 driver's license (preferred, not required)

**Scholarships: Four Scholarship Available**

- **\$500 Academic Scholarship**
- **\$500 Marksmanship Scholarship**
- **\$500 Orator Scholarship**
- **\$1,000 Student Trooper of the Year Scholarship**

\*Additional information on Student Trooper can be found at [www.michiganlegion.org/trooper](http://www.michiganlegion.org/trooper)

## **A Message from Department Headquarters**

**ATTENTION ALL SQUADRON LEADERSHIP** – In order for your squadron's dues information to be printed correctly regarding renewal notices and members paying online, it is mandatory to fill out and submit an Annual Sons Data Report Form to National no later than April 1, 2023. The form can be downloaded from the provided QR code or our Department Sons Detachment website at [sons.michiganlegion.org](http://sons.michiganlegion.org), and click the SAL Data Report Form button. Please email a copy of the completed form to [member@michiganlegion.org](mailto:member@michiganlegion.org) or mail it to Department Headquarters:

Michigan American Legion  
ATTN: Membership  
212 N. Verlinden Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48915



Scan QR Code using your cell  
phone camera or download a QR  
Reader App.

# How to Raise Funds to Sponsor a Student for Boys State and Student Trooper

We realize that the cost of Boys State and Student Trooper can be problematic for some Posts to come up with, especially when they are \$400 and \$475 for each student. A little pre-planning can solve the financial problems for the future. You may find that this year the Post is willing, but the bank account is low. How do you get the necessary funds for THIS year? Here is a list of successful ideas used by other Posts to raise funds:

**Post funds** - Boys State and Student Trooper should be budget items. Make it a practice to include it in Program Expenditures.

**SAL & 40/8 Funds** - Contact them to obtain sponsorship for a delegate or partial delegate. If you don't ask, they don't volunteer.

**Special fund-raising events** - Dinners, a fish fry, dances, golf or fishing tournaments, bowl-a-ton, bingo games earmarked for Boys State/Student Trooper, card parties, white elephant auctions, bake sales, garage sales, etc.

**Booster Club** - Donations by individuals in return for names posted in your Post Home or Post Newsletter.

**Outside donors** - Moose, Elks, Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimist, Lions, Knights of Columbus, etc.

Many of our Posts enlist the help of community service organizations. Posts collect money from other businesses, deposit it into the Post account, then write a check to the Michigan American Legion Foundation for either Boys State or Student Trooper.

**Appeal for donations in the post** - Set up a donation jar in the lounge or game room. Circulate the donation jar at all Post functions.

*The possibilities are limited only by imagination and the willingness to work!*

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## **2022-2023 Children and Youth Pin**

YES! I want to support the Children and Youth committee which is raising funds for Michigan youths to attend Boys State, Girls State, and Student Trooper.

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ at \$5(each) donation to the following address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check/money order for qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 donation Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Allow 2-4 weeks for delivery of pin (pictured above). Make check payable to Michigan American Legion

Memo: Children and Youth Pin. Send to Michigan American Legion Attn: Children & Youth 212 N. Verlinden Ave. Lansing, MI 48915.



## 2023 WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### **Friday, February 10, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Grand Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Auxiliary Meeting</b>	Ballroom A
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Legion Headquarters	Packard
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b><u>TRAINING: Open to All</u></b> 2:00-2:30 – Robotics 2:30-3:00 – First Aid, CPR, AED 3:00-3:30 – Computer Gaming Tournaments 3:30-4:00 - MSU Extension film trailer “ <u>Hidden In Plain Sight</u> ” 4:00-4:30 Young Veterans Panel	Aurora
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<b><i>Social hour and ticket pick up</i></b>	Atrium
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<b><i>National Commanders Banquet</i></b>	Ballrooms D/E/F

### **Saturday, February 11, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Grand Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Legion Headquarters	Packard
8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Perm Time and Place - assign Resolutions	Packard
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b><i>S.A.L. DEC Meeting</i></b>	Ballroom D
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b><i>Auxiliary</i></b>	Ballroom A
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Education & Scholarship Committee	Peninsula
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee	Ballroom C
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Boys’ State Committee	Ballroom B
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Finance/Personnel Committee	Aurora
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	VA & R w/VAVS	Reo
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Membership Committee w/Post Developmt	Ballroom C
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Media & Communications	Ballroom B
11:30a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Zone Meeting	Ballroom E
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	PDC Meeting	Toscana
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Internal Affairs Committee/Subcommittees	Ballroom B
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	National Security & Foreign Relations Comm	Ballroom E
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Permanent Time & Place (Convention & Conference selections)	Ballroom C
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Reconnect Committee	Ballroom D
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Legion Riders Meeting	Reo
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b><u>TRAINING:</u> – Open to All</b> 1:00-1:30 – Operation Comfort Warriors 1:30-2:00 – Boys State/Girls State 2:00-2:30 – Legislative Q & A 2:30-3:30 – VA & R Director Easterling (will cover Camp Lejeune claims)	Aurora
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Wilwin Meeting	Ballroom B
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Foundation Meeting	Ballroom E
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b><i>Legion DEC Meeting</i></b>	Ballrooms C/D
<b><u>Sunday, February 12, 2023</u></b>		
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Headquarters	Packard
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b><i>Legion DEC Meeting</i></b>	Ballroom D

**\* SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \***

# Program Dates for the 2022-2023 Year:

## January 2023

January 1st- Baseball registration opens on [baseball.legion.org](http://baseball.legion.org)  
January 3rd- Brewer and Wilson Scholarship deadline.  
January 3rd- Law Officer of the Year submission deadline  
January 3rd- Firefighter of the Year submission deadline  
January 22nd- District Oratorical Contests deadline

## February 2023

February 1st- JSSP Targets due to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) - must be postmarked on or before Feb. 1 to be eligible for scoring.  
February 8th- Zone Oratorical Contests deadline.  
February 15th- JSSP Second round postal match competition targets mailed out by CMP.

## March 2023

March 1st-Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline  
March 4th-Oratorical State Contest at location TBD

## April 2023

April 1st- End of 2nd round postal match competition. Targets due to CMP - must be postmarked on or before April 1st to be eligible for scoring.  
April 3rd- Teacher of the Year submission deadline  
April 10th- Student Trooper Application submission deadline  
April 21st-23rd-National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, IN

## May 2023

May 1st-Boys State Application submission deadline  
May 15th- Baseball insurance purchase deadline

## June 2023

June 1st- Final day for Baseball teams to register  
June 11th-16th- Student Trooper Program  
June 18th-24th-Boys State Program at Grand Valley State University-Allendale Campus

## July 2023

July 1st-Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship submission deadline  
July TBD- JSSP American Legion National Championship (Individual Tournament)  
July 25-29, 2023- Class AA Senior Baseball State Tournament; Clarkston, MI  
July 26-30, 2023- Class A Senior Tournament; Gladstone, MI.  
July TBD\*\*- Junior Baseball State Tournament

### Department Program Mailings Via USPS and Email

*All dates are approximate and may shift depending on my schedule of items that take priority.*

February 1– Email to school administrators with Boys State and Student Trooper deadline reminder.

March– Email to school administrators with Boys State, Student Trooper, and Teacher of the Year deadline reminder.

April 3– Final email reminder to School Admins, Post/SAL Commander, and Adjutants regarding Boys State and Student Trooper deadline.

Each Good of the Legion will have Program information included in it; this is just a list of planned mailings/emails that will go out during the year.