



THE AMERICAN LEGION



**ARE YOU A *POLITICAL JUNKIE*?**  
**ARE YOU A *HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR*?**  
**DO *ELECTIONS ENGAGE YOUR LEARNING*?**

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## **THEN CHECK OUT *MICHIGAN BOYS STATE/GIRLS***

### **WHAT IS *BOYS & GIRLS STATE*?**

Every year the Michigan American Legion creates the 51st State of the Union, and delegates to the program, become a part of the process. The State needs positions from the top rank of Governor, House of Representatives, Senate, down to eight different cities, and every position in between. Delegates can become a candidate for one of those positions and ask their fellow delegates to vote for them.

Delegates will learn, by their active participation, how representative government works. Delegates will learn leadership, Delegates make friends that last a lifetime, and some of delegates will gain confidence that will propel them to a fantastic career, like famous alumni of the past programs.

Former NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw, Radio Host Rush Limbaugh, the 42nd U.S. President Bill Clinton, U.S. Senator (MI) Gary Peters (1975), U.S. Senator (MI) Debbie Stabenow (attended Michigan Girls State), U.S. Senate candidate John James (1998 Boys State Governor), NBA star Michael Jordan, and Actor Mark Walberg, to name a few.

2022 Michigan Boys State will be held at  
Grand Valley State University  
on the Allendale Campus  
June 12-18, 2022

**LEARN HOW *YOU* CAN BECOME A DELEGATE TODAY!**

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

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

In 1963, Bill Clinton has two influential moments in his life that contributed to his decision to become a life-long public servant. One was his visit to the White House to meet President John F. Kennedy, as a Boys Nation Senator (from Arkansas), and the second event was listening to Martin Luther King give his "I Have a Dream" speech, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. (he memorized Dr. King's words).



## ***COULD YOUR STUDENT MEET THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?***

**YES, THEY** could. Two delegates are selected from each of the 49 Boys State programs and sent to Washington to participate in Boys Nation. Boys Nation is a week-long program where delegates participate in a mock U.S. Senate scenario. They will learn about the federal level of the government process, and in most years, the delegates will meet the U.S. President and U.S. Vice-President.

## ***WANT TO SEE A BOYS STATE PROGRAM IN ACTION?***

## ***CHECK OUT "BOYS STATE" THE MOVIE ON APPLE TV.***

(subscription required)

The movie follows the 2018 Texas Boys State delegates through their elections and program. Each department has various versions of the boys' state program.

## ***HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND?***

Boys State is \$400 per delegate, plus a \$25 non-refundable registration fee. The fee includes meals and lodging.

Potential delegates are encouraged to visit their local American Legion Post and ask them to sponsor a delegate to the program. Many local Posts will sponsor high school juniors to the program. Other organizations may sponsor them or the parent may sponsor them.

If you have questions about sponsorships or the registration please contact Ashley at (517) 220-2754.

## ***IS THERE A PROGRAM FOR GIRLS?***

Yes, The American Legion Auxiliary runs the Girl State Program, more information is available at [michalaux.org](http://michalaux.org).

## ***ARE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ALLOWED TO ATTEND?***

No, the program is open to high school juniors who will be entering their senior year in the Fall of 2022.

## ***ARE THEY THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF A MILITARY VETERAN?***

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

## ***FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:***

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

**Registration deadline is May 9, 2022**

COVID protocols that are required at the time of the event will be observed. If the program is canceled, refunds will be provided.