



American Legion Boys & Girls State Appeal

At Boys and Girls State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs.

Legion posts and school faculties select high school juniors to attend the program. The boys and girls selected are decent scholars who participate in some sports and have demonstrated high moral character. They are the type of student who runs for class and club officer. They are engaged in school and community activities. They look forward to college or trade schools; many consider the military and our service academies. Many are involved in scouting. In most cases, individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization.

At Boys/Girls State, the delegates (as they are called), are exposed to leaders in industry, law, law-enforcement, engineering, science, education, finance, military, etc. Many are inspired to pursue education leading to professions in these disciplines, and many come back to assume leadership positions within their communities. The program takes place at Rider University during a week in June between junior and senior year. American Legion also sponsors girls to Girls State which takes place at the same time at Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ.

Some noteworthy Boy State (and Girls State) delegates have been: Judge Samuel Alito, Neil Armstrong, Scott Bakula, Beau Biden, Jon Bon Jovi, Tom Brokaw, Garth Brooks, Dick Cheney, Gen Wesley Clark, Chris Christi, Bill Clinton, Tom Daschle, Lou Dobbs, Michael Dukakis, Roger Ebert, James Gandolfini, Alex Gorsky, Mike Huckabee, Al Jarreau, Michael Jordan, Alan Keyes, Rush Limbaugh, Trent Lott, Sam Nunn, George Pataki, Jane Pauley, Nancy Redd, Ann Richards, Bruce Springsteen,

Please consider contributing along with American Legion Post 57 to this worthy cause. It costs \$250 to send a boy or girl to American Legion Boy or Girls State. Any amount would be welcome. We have requests from schools to send boys and girls from Waldwick and the surrounding area such as Wyckoff, Hohokus, Midland Park, Allendale. These young people are from our community.

Checks made out to AL Post 57 Boy/Girl State can be sent to American Legion Post 57, 46 Franklin Tpke, Waldwick, NJ 07463. All funds are deposited in our segregated account to be dedicated to Boys and Girls State. Go to www.aljbs.org to learn more.

Thank you for considering this worthwhile cause.

Respectfully Yours,

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