

American Legion
Walter Nightengale Post 57
46 Franklin Turnpike



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Dear Sir/Madam:

Since 1946 the NJ American Legion posts have been sponsoring worthy young men to its Boys State program held each June at Rider University. The young men are rising senior high school students who have demonstrated an interest in the workings of our state, county, and local government. They are usually scholars with no less than a B average, athletic participants, class officers, etc. Most are engaged in service to their communities. They are the type of young person who is exploring careers in law, law enforcement, the military, politics, medicine, education, and other professions to include trade professions. They are looking to attend colleges, trade schools, and our service academies. Indeed, our service academies consider Boys State on the same level as the Eagle Scout award. You can go to www.aljbs.org to see the program.

Boys State educates our youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. A complete program of educational and recreational activity is provided. A concert band is formed, a newspaper is published daily, and a portion of each afternoon is given over to an organized program of intramural athletics under supervision. Outstanding speakers and specialists contribute to rounding out the annual session. Seminars are held in general subjects such as government, law enforcement, legislative and election procedures.

*Funds for operating the program of Jersey Boys State are obtained by charging the sponsor, usually a local American Legion post, of each boy a nominal fee for the week. This sum provides food, housing facilities, text materials, instruction, badges for all citizens, as well as other miscellaneous items. **There is no expense to the boy** after he arrives at Boys State except what he might want to spend for personal things. Boys State is in no sense a disciplinary or recreational camp. Only boys with outstanding qualifications in character and leadership, who will have a serious attitude toward an intensive citizenship training program should be selected. Last year we were able to send five local boys to Boys State. They came from Northern*

Highlands Regional HS, Don Bosco, Glen Rock HS, and Mahwah HS. This year we have several requests to sponsor more boys.

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Just a few of the notable people who have attended Boys State are:

- *Senators Menendez and Booker*
- *Governor Christie*
- *President Clinton*
- *Jon Bon Jovi*
- *Tom Brokaw*

We ask that you consider helping fund our program so that we can send worthy local boys to Boys State. It costs \$275 for a week at Boys State. Our post is usually able to send three or four boys each year with our limited funds. We would like to send more, and could use your help.

Please consider a donation in any amount to fund this worthwhile program.

Respectfully,

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