



Dear 11th Grade Guidance Counselor,

Kentucky Boys State is an exciting opportunity for your 11th grade boys who will be seniors next year. Kentucky Boys State is the premier Leadership and Civics conference for young men who will become the leaders of tomorrow. The conference this year will be June 3rd – 8th, **prior to** the start of the Governor's Scholar Program, at Campbellsville University.

Sponsored by the Kentucky American Legion, Kentucky Boys State is an opportunity for rising seniors to hone their **leadership skills**, learn about **local and state government** and build friendships with other youth across the Commonwealth. Participants also benefit from the opportunity to meet and talk with state legislators and leaders, and take on leadership roles themselves.

Participants also have the opportunity to earn **college credit** at participating colleges and universities, and to earn **scholarships** and **grants**. Participants can request letters of recommendation from instructors that benefit them in the college application process. Above all, these young men will have the experience of a life time and learn skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

To learn more about Kentucky Boys State, please visit www.kyboysstate.org or contact Dr. Peter Trzop, Executive Director, at 502-510-0749. The application process is easy and instructions and an application can be found on this website. A link is also provided to Kentucky Girls State, a similar organization strictly for junior girls. Tuition for this Leadership Camp is \$200 and many participants are sponsored by a local American Legion Post or business. A small number of scholarships are provided to those needing financial help.

We strongly urge you to display the attached poster and to present this opportunity to your students, and encourage them to apply. This can be a life-changing opportunity for young men.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Trzop".

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For more information,

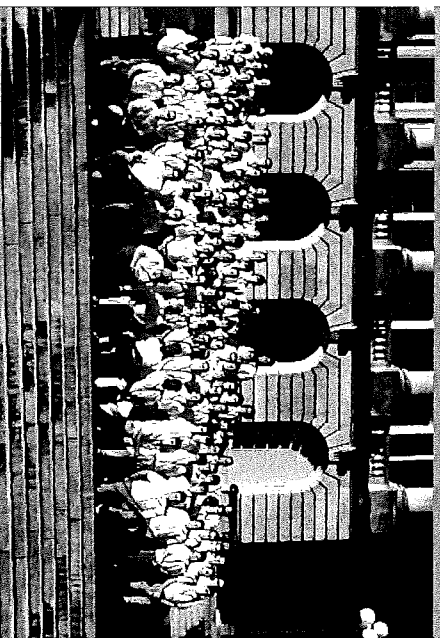
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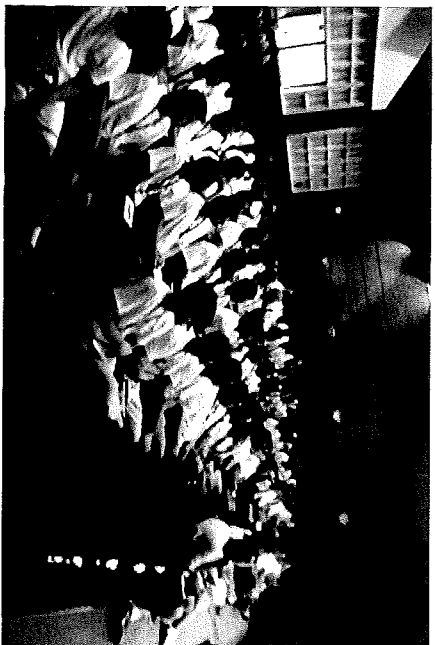
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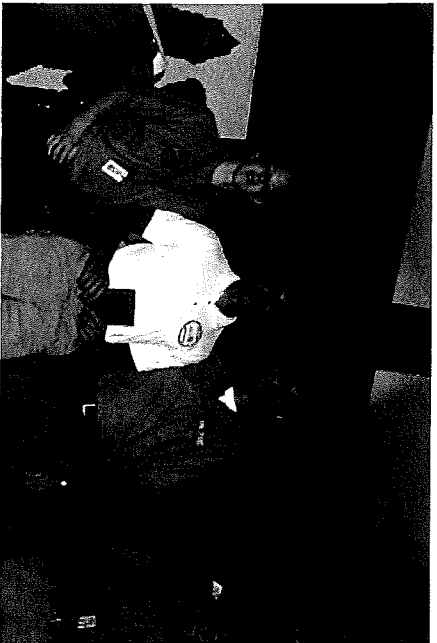
Invited!



Who?

There are several criteria for applying for Kentucky Boys State. They are:

- 1) Are you a Junior in high school? Will you be a rising senior over the Summer?
- 2) Do you attend a Kentucky High School or home schooled full-time? Out of state students are possible in unique cases.
- 3) Do you possess leadership qualities? Good character? Solid grades and participate high school activities?
- 4) Do you have enthusiasm to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity?



What?

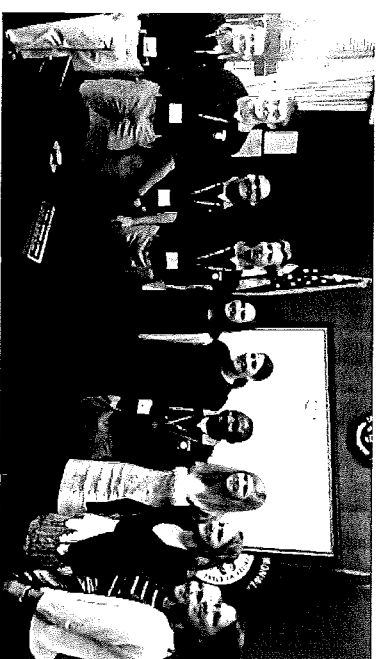
American Legion Boys

State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students, and is considered a highly regarded leadership training program. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935, and was established in Kentucky in 1940.

At American Legion Boys State,

participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, training in various topics, assemblies, journalism and recreational programs.

High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. Selection can be made as well by the Executive Director, especially for students in areas under represented by American Legion Posts. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization. Parents are allowed to donate the fees for their child to attend the program.



Why?

Attending Kentucky Boys

State is a life changing opportunity, "A week that changes a lifetime!" Participants spend an entire week learning about Kentucky State government, history, communications, government, leadership and various other topics. In addition, there are many other benefits to attending Kentucky Boys State:

- 1) Networking with other high school juniors throughout the State of Kentucky, including staff and volunteers.
- 2) Letters of Recommendations for college, military academies and employment. Boys State is a MAJOR plus for ROTC and Academy appointments.
- 3) Potential college credit for Political Science at participating colleges and universities.
- 4) A chance to attend Boys Nation in Washington D.C. with all expenses paid by the American Legion.

TOP 10 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE

10. It's a resume builder – only if you attend for the full week.
9. Be part of a more than 65 year tradition – sponsored by the largest women's patriotic organization – The American Legion Auxiliary.
8. Show off your talent during our annual revue!
7. Famous people have attended including former Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, former Governor Christine Gregoire, Jane Pawley and Kentucky Lt. Governor Crt Lualien.
6. Opportunity to be chosen as a Girls Nation Delegate to go to Washington, D.C. and represent Kentucky as a Senator – (and possibly omeet the President!)
5. Develop valuable skills – public speaking, debating, journalism, confidence builder, etc.
4. Speakers are awesome – hear their motivating messages and put them to use.
3. Opportunity to run your own city.
2. Making new friends – for the week, for the summer and some for life-long.
1. Be empowered by other enthusiastic, intelligent young women.

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Quotes from Former Citizens

"Girls State not only allowed me to gain a greater appreciation of how government works, my rights as a citizen, and a desire to give back to my country, but it also introduced me to lifelong friends."

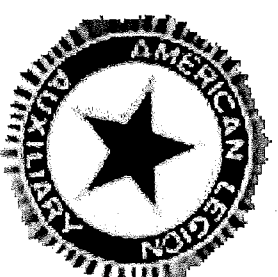
-Kirsten Logan,

2012 Kentucky Girls State Citizen

"Last summer, I had the experience of a lifetime...this opportunity allowed me to appreciate the government in a whole new way, to listen to amazing guest speakers, and to make lifetime friends."

-Emalee Haynes

2015 Kentucky Girls State Citizen



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June 3 –8, 2018
University of the
Cumberlands
Williamsburg, KY



Delegates from the 2016 ALA Kentucky Girls State enjoy some free time near the fountain.

Learning by doing

Since 1947, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky has provided young women with the opportunity to learn about government via the first hand experience of establishing a mock government. Based upon Kentucky government, city and state government is studied with the participants developing political parties, conducting elections, and passing legislation.

Each attendee is assigned to a mythical city, a political party, and the Senate or House of Representatives.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Kentucky Girls State offers 6 days of intellectual stimulation, as well as the opportunity of making new friends, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

PROGRAM

ALA Kentucky Girls State is designed to give its participants a comprehensive view of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

All citizens of Kentucky Girls State are members of a mythical 51st state with the branches and levels of government patterned after Kentucky government. A two party political system using the names "Federalist" and "Nationalist" is used to replicate the workings of the political system, and have no connection to the current political parties within our state or nation.

Participants conduct their own elections to serve in city and state offices, familiarizing themselves with current issues as well as the duties and responsibilities of the individual office. They participate in county government through panels and guest presentations from past and present office holders. A bicameral legislature, with the House of Representatives and Senate, is formed where the participants can write, introduce, debate, and pass their own legislation.

STAFF

ALA Kentucky Girls State is conducted as a program of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky. It is staffed by volunteers who are members of the American Legion Auxiliary, and by former participants of the Girls State program. All staff members are over 18 years old and subject to regular background checks.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants in the Girls State Program will have just completed her junior, or third year, of high school. **No sophomore or senior will be accepted.**

Participants must be legal residents of the United States.

Participants must be essentially a leader... leadership, character, honesty, cooperativeness, and participation in service in her school and community are important.

Participants must be interested in government, willing and available for full participation in the ALA Girls State program for the entire session.

Participants in the Governor's Scholar Program are encouraged to apply; however, due to the dates of GSP, they would not be eligible to attend Girls Nation.

SELECTION

Potential ALA Girls State participants are recommended by their schools based upon the characteristics listed above. The final selection of ALA Girls State participants rests with the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Applicants sent directly from schools or individuals must provide a letter of recommendation from a school official.

SPONSORSHIP

Attendance at ALA Kentucky Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary through local Units. Other civic organizations, individuals, and businesses help support the program as contributing sponsors. The sponsorship fee for Kentucky residents is \$275 or \$325 for out-of-state residents. The fee includes the cost for the participants lodging and meals during the program. Transportation is not included in the registration fee.