



AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF S.D.

BOYS STATE

MAY 27 - 31, 2024

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY | ABERDEEN, S.D.

**OPEN TO ALL JUNIORS
& SENIORS**

Applications Due May 1, 2024

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AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

Develop a confidence that will shape your future!

American Legion Boys State is one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction in our nation. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of state governments, while imparting citizenship, leadership and character development through a non-partisan perspective.

Run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working democratic government.

Attendees are referred to as citizens and become city, county and state government officials duly elected and appointed to office. Activities include band, chorus, legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, program assemblies and recreational programs.

Successful completion of Boys State is recognized by employers, service academies and university admissions boards as an indicator of strong leadership and character traits. Keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations by gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of our democratic republic.

Young men who have completed their junior or senior year of high school (may attend one time only) and receive a recommendation from school officials are interviewed and selected by American Legion posts to attend Boys State. Costs are fully covered by a sponsoring American Legion post, local business or another community-based organization.



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