MN Boys State Qualifications

To be eligible for nomination or appointment as a MN Boys State Delegate, the Nominee must:

- Be a junior in High School
- Has demonstrated good quality and character in the school and the community
- Enthusiastic and gets along with others
- Be sponsored by a MN Legion Post

Questions? Contact Us!

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For Further Information

For additional information pertaining to the Minnesota American Legion Boys State Program, please visit our website at **www.mnboysstate.org,** send an email to Jennifer Kelley at jkelley@mnlegion.org, or contact your local MN American Legion Post

Local Post Contact

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MINNESOTA
Boys STATE

Sponsored by The American Legion Department of Minnesota

Held each June at St. Johns University

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What is MN Boys State?

MN Boys State is a week long program held on the campus of St. Johns University every year during a week in June. During this week, young men from all over MN, embark on an adventure of a lifetime where they organize and participate in the various levels and branches of a mock government by "doing". Some of the highlights include:

- Guest speakers
- Campaigning for office & elections
- Schools of Instruction
- Mock Trials
- Athletic Period
- Band / Choir / Newspaper

By the end of the week, these young men have developed skills such as: critical thinking, public speaking, problem solving, and discipline, all of which will pay dividends for them throughout the rest of their life. Additionally, they gain an appreciation and respect for veterans and see the importance veterans play in preserving our way of life and Republic for future generations, often, inspiring some to pursue public service. To put it simply, it's a week that shapes a lifetime.

Program Objectives

The American Legion believes our U.S. government can survive only with an educated populace. Below, please find some of our program objectives:

- Develop leadership and pride in American Citizenship
- Motivate young citizens to maintain our form of government
- To foster a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation
- To safeguard our principles of justice, freedom and democracy

Application Process

There are three main ways to apply to attend MN Boys State. The best way is to reach out to your local American Legion Post and ask to speak with their Boys State Chairman. The second way is by reaching out to your High School guidance counselor. However, if you are unable to reach a local American Legion Post or if your High School guidance counselor is un-familiar with the program, please use the QR code to fill out an interest form and a representative will walk you through the process. Enrollment fees, or tuition, are paid for by the American Legion Posts, leaving no expense to you or your family. Are you ready to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Apply today!