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OF KANSAS

### *All Delegates to the 2021 Session of Boys State Should Read This Letter*

Dear 2021 Boys State Delegate:

Congratulations!! You have been selected as a delegate to attend the 2021 session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy—one of the finest youth programs in our state. This year's session is August 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan. Check-in is from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm on August 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please plan to eat lunch before you arrive for check-in.** Our first meal is served at 5:30 p.m.

A map has been enclosed with the letter mailed to you. You can also download a copy from this packet site at (<https://www.ksbstate.org/program-information/delegate-packet/>) as well. If you plan to leave your car with us during the week – please email me at the address above so that we can reserve a space for you. Boys State will cover the cost of the parking permit. Your vehicle will be parked in a patrolled lot a few blocks away. You will **NOT** have access to your car during the week.

Through school, work, sports, or church and community involvement I realize that for you to be nominated as a delegate to our program you have demonstrated to someone in your school that you have the capability to be a leader. Our hope is that we can help further the development of this unique ability that you have in a setting that teaches you the functions of city, county, and state government.

The one recurring theme that we see each year is the growth in social responsibility among the 500+ young men and staff who attend our program. You will not only experience personal growth, but you will have the opportunity to gain valuable group work skills as well. Boys State is where small town meets large city, conservative meets liberal, and members of all races and beliefs are brought together to work for a common good. What you will come away with from Boys State is rarely covered in the schools around our state.

You may be wondering what is in store for you at our program. Please do not feel too nervous about the upcoming experience. I can guarantee you that almost everyone who attends Boys State feels some amount of reservation before attending our program; I know that I did before my Stater session in 1987. This on-line packet is intended to answer many of the questions you may have going in. I would suggest to you that the best way for you to learn about our program is to ask someone from your school who has been before. You may also look us up at <https://www.ksbstate.org/>.

At this on-line packet site, you will find:

***Delegate's Handbook:*** Read this booklet thoroughly. It contains a description of the political process, campaign procedures, government projects, what to bring with you, and other details about your week.

***Samsung College Scholarship Application:*** Several years ago, one of our delegates won this award for upwards of \$20,000 in scholarship funds. Take the time to fill it out if you qualify. The application process remains ENTIRELY online this year.

***Medical/Physical Form:*** This is particularly important. Please follow the directions when filling out this form. Bring the completed form with you when you register for Boys State in the Kramer Conference Center. **NOTE:** A KSHSAA physical form for the 2021-2022 school year MAY be substituted for the second page of the form provided that any new restrictions accompany the form.

***Parent's Letter:*** You may wish to read it also but be certain to pass it along to your parent or guardian.

***Map:*** Provides a general overview of the K-State campus and how to get to Boys State from the various highways surrounding Manhattan.

***Pre-State Checklist:*** This can be extremely helpful as you pack and prepare for state. We do use text-enabled smart phones for voting, so you are encouraged to bring that with you. If you do not have a smart phone or texting on your current phone, you will still have a method for voting.

If you have *any* questions at all, I encourage you to e-mail me personally at the address above or call our toll-free number. I look forward to seeing you this August!

