

One week of your summer can...



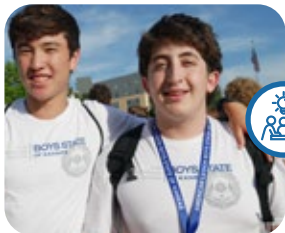
Distinguish you in the competition for college admissions and scholarships.



Expand your leadership and problem-solving skills that will help you throughout life.



Introduce you to some of the smartest, most motivated high school students in Kansas.



Establish lifelong friendships.

...when you attend the
**American Legion Boys
State of Kansas.**

Scholarships

Samsung Scholarship

Eligible participants can apply for a Samsung scholarship through The American Legion. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to South Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung Corporation endowed a \$5 million scholarship fund through the American Legion. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community service.

Scholarship applications are submitted online and due by 11:59 p.m. on June 2, 2024.

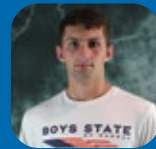
- Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region)
- Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region)
- One Department (State) finalist will be awarded a \$1,250 scholarship

Eligibility and rules can be found on the Kansas Boys State Website. For more information visit legion.org/scholarships/samsung



Director's Scholarship

A newly created Director's Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 will be offered for the 2024 session. This is a non-renewable scholarship. Eligibility details and the application process will be announced.



Shawn Sullivan

delegate from Leavenworth High School, was the 2023 Department recipient of a \$1,250 scholarship.

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BOYS STATE
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AMERICAN LEGION

2024

86th Session

June 2nd - 8th

Kansas State University | Goodnow Hall
1825 Claflin Rd
Manhattan, KS 66502

WHAT IS BOYS STATE?

Boys State is a learning-by-doing exercise that simulates elections, political parties, and government at state, county, and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It is also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by veterans to preserve democracy.

Attending Boys State of Kansas is a distinct honor. This premier program seeks leaders, such as yourself, for this opportunity. This is a week that will change your life.



FEES

The fee for Kansas Boys State is \$375. This primarily pays for a week of food & lodging. In most situations a delegate or their family pays \$50, and a sponsoring organization pays the remaining \$325.

SPONSORS

Sending a delegate to Boys State is a two-fold investment. First, it is an investment in a young man with plans for college and beyond. It is also an investment in the future of your community, state and nation. Boys State has given tens of thousands of young Kansans a powerful introduction into civic responsibility. It is an opportunity to pass the torch of leadership to the next generation.

In addition to American Legion Posts, delegates can be sponsored by families, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals. Sponsor fees can be split among organizations.

WHAT OTHERS have experienced...



DELEGATE TESTIMONIALS

Attending KSBS was one of the best decisions I made in high school. Not only did it help me gain a better understanding of our system of government, but it also helped me develop my problem-solving skills and make friendships with others from across Kansas. The KSBS experience was better than I ever could've imagined beforehand.

- Max

This week changed my life, my way of viewing the country, and my life. Highly recommend this program.

- Wil



STAFF TESTIMONIALS

When I arrived, I was skeptical. I thought it was gonna be one of those camps to get me into college. Honestly, I embraced the program and met some amazing people and made friends for life. This program is a fantastic, well-organized way for people to make friends and learn about leadership.

- Neil

I loved Boys State. This program, this week, truly changed my life for the better. I loved every minute.

- Christian

Before Boys State, I hated politics. But, because I followed my counselor's advice, and went out of my comfort zone, I ran for and was elected to be leader of the Nationalist Party. Not only did I create an entire party platform, but I gained a new respect for it. This program has taught me the value of patriotism, honor, leadership, teamwork, communication, and respect. I am proud to be a Boys Stater.

- Shekar

I've been on the Boys State staff for more than 30 years. It is so amazing to me to see the transformation of the young men from the time they arrive, not knowing anyone, to leaving the week gaining lifelong friends. Not only do the delegates form bonds of friendship, but they change in many ways. The biggest change comes in confidence but also in their ability to articulate their arguments for or against a particular issue.

- Staff member



PARENT TESTIMONIALS

What you all are doing with Boys State is phenomenal...such an incredible, transformational experience! Thank you for all you do!

- Wichita

My son still talks about Boys State almost every week. It has helped focus his direction for after high school. It helped show him a confidence he didn't realize he had. It's just changed him in so many ways. I could share so much more! I can't wait until my youngest can go through it as well. I can't thank you enough!

- Andover



College Credit Available

Three hours of college credit can be earned by successfully completing Boys State. There is an additional fee, payable to K-State, but the \$366 fee is significantly less than regular tuition. Those interested do not have to be enrolled at K-State; the credit is transferable. The course (POLSC 110) will be taught by Dr. Nate Birkhead. Attending Boys State will fulfill part of the course requirements with additional course work assigned by the instructor. The course work will be due in the weeks following Boys State. Enrollment will be handled through your school guidance counselor.

College and Career Fair

Universities, colleges, technical, vocational schools, law enforcement, military academies, and the Kansas National Guard attend the College and Career Fair. Delegates can communicate directly with admissions personnel and learn more about programs and scholarship opportunities. More than 30 institutions attended in 2023.



How to Apply



1. Scan the QR Code
2. Enter your information (you will receive an email confirmation)
3. Enter payment information - if someone else is paying, skip this part.
4. Future correspondence will be via email and text as we approach the session
5. Show up ready on June 2, 2024 for a week that will change your life!