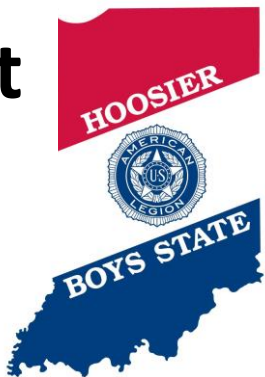


What is ...



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American Legion Hoosier Boys State is a weeklong educational program that teaches through application the fundamentals of Indiana's government structure and political process. Joining a nationwide class of more than 20,000 junior-aged high school students in their respective states, approximately 500 gifted Hoosiers, known as Delegates, will hone valuable leadership skills as they work together to build a functional "state" government. By the conclusion of this unique program, Delegates will know more about Indiana's political system than 90% of their peers, and they will be better prepared to make a positive influence in their community. That is why our motto is: "A week to shape a lifetime."

Purpose

The goal of the program is to promote understanding about Indiana's political process and the power of democracy while inspiring leadership through simulation. Guided by current and former government officials and a qualified staff, Delegates will explore the responsibilities of elected positions, effective organizational tactics and how to apply political theory to create a "state" government from the ground up. Among the challenges these decision makers will have to make include: forming the party platform of two made-up parties, running for office, campaigning, debating, voting, passing laws, from the city to the state level.

Eligibility

Attendance at Hoosier Boys State is limited to qualified teens who have completed their junior year of high school prior to attending Hoosier Boys State. A principal or school administrator, in cooperation with a local American Legion post, will recommend potential Delegates based on various factors, including GPA, community involvement and leadership potential. If selected, Delegates are expected to complete week.

Cost

The enrollment cost to attend Hoosier Boys State is three hundred dollars (\$300) per delegate. **This fee is paid in full by a sponsoring American Legion Post or a community sponsor in cooperation with The American Legion.**

Outside Sponsors

Young men who attend Hoosier Boys State are usually sponsored by American Legion posts; however, other organizations often help sponsor Delegates. Interested organizations should contact their nearest American Legion post or write to:

The American Legion, Dept. of Indiana
Attn: Programs Director
5440 Herbert Lord Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

Applying

Eligible teens can apply online by visiting our website, www.hoosierboysstate.org.

Location

Hoosier Boys State is held on the campus of Trine University in Angola, Indiana. Trine University is well equipped to care for the 500 young men who attend Hoosier Boys State each year. Among the quality facilities provided by Trine include state-of-the-art dormitories, a local hospital, computer labs, top-of-the-line cafeteria, athletic facilities and more.

Staff

The staff of Hoosier Boys State is made up of over 75 highly qualified and motivated individuals from Indiana's educational community, current and former government officials, career professionals, Trine University staff and American Legion representatives. The sole purpose of each staff member is to make the Hoosier Boys State experience for each delegate as informative, educational and fun as possible.

Special Schools

Hoosier Boys State offers a variety of specialized classes taught by respected professionals in their fields. Delegates will be able to pick a special school of their choice and explore the intricacies of that area. Among these classes include: Law, Speech, Media and Politics, Law Enforcement, Parliamentary Procedure, Lobbying and Military.

Scholarships

Approximately \$13,000.00 in college scholarships were awarded to Hoosier Boys State Delegates at last year's session. Furthermore, the winner of the Samsung Scholarship has an opportunity to win an additional \$20,000. Scholarships are awarded to delegates based on their academic achievement, community involvement and Hoosier Boys State activities and performance. They may be used at any college or university to further the Delegate's education. Additionally, more than 30 universities from across the state participate in Hoosier Boys State's college fair.

Insurance

Delegates attending Hoosier Boys State are protected by a group medical policy furnished by The Indiana Department of the American Legion and underwritten by Sentry Insurance. This policy is excess coverage to other collectible insurance plans parents may have.

HBS Band

Formed from among those who have high school or other musical experience, the Hoosier Boys State Band plays an integral part of the program. If a Delegate plays a musical instrument and wishes to play in the Hoosier Boys State Band, he should indicate his interest on the application. Please note that the program does not furnish instruments, so band members need to bring their own instruments. Each year, about 70 Delegates participate in the marching band.

Further Information

The Indiana Department of the American Legion and Hoosier Boys State's website offer in-depth information about the program and what it has to offer. Here is where you can visit:

www.indlegion.org

Click on "Programs" and then "Hoosier Boys State"

or

www.hoosierboysstate.org

Social Media

Follow us on social media to stay current with the latest leadership trends and Hoosier Boys State news!

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