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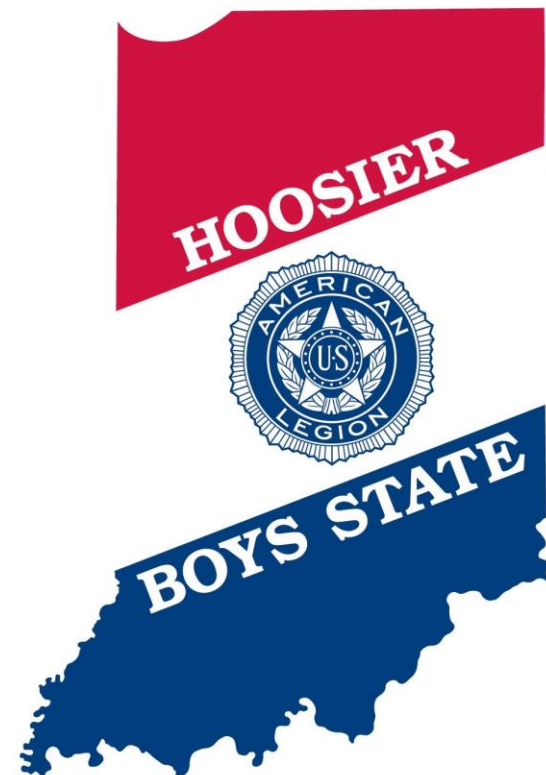
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## History of HBS Directors

Barney Breedlove	1937 - 1985
William D. Jackson	1986 - 2007
Steve Bowman	2008 - 2012
Robert A. Oeth	2013 - 2017
Scott A. Weyler	2018 - Present

**For 81 years, The American Legion Department of Indiana has provided the opportunity for these young men to carry on the Legacy of Hoosier Boys State. The Department of Indiana believes in the phrase, "We change lives for veterans, their families and communities."**



*"A week to shape a lifetime."*

## 81st Session

## June 17 - 23, 2018

Conducted at Trine University in  
Angola, Indiana

Sponsored by  
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## What is Hoosier Boys State?

American Legion Hoosier Boys State, or HBS, is a civics leadership program that simulates Indiana's political process from the local to the state level. Over the course of a week, junior-aged high school students from across Indiana, known as Delegates, will actively work together to create a fictional, but functional state government - honing valuable leadership and organizational skills in the process.

## Purpose

The purpose of the program is to promote understanding about Indiana's political process, the power of democracy and inspire leadership in our future leaders. At 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."

## Learning through Application

Guided by current and former government officials and a qualified staff, Delegates will be the ultimate decision makers for the many facets of government at the city, county, and state levels. Among these challenges include: forming the party platform of two made-up parties, campaigning, debating, voting, passing laws, enforcing laws and much more!

## Eligibility

Eligible candidates are teens who have completed their junior year of high school prior to attending HBS. A principal or school administrator, in cooperation with a local American Legion post, provide recommendations for potential Delegates based on various factors that indicate leadership potential. If selected, Delegates are expected to complete the week.

## Cost

The enrollment cost to attend HBS is \$300 per delegate. Neither the Delegate, nor his family, is expected to pay for anything other than discretionary spending during the program. 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 HBS 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](http://www.hoosierboysstate.org).

## Location

HBS is held on the campus of Trine University in Angola, Indiana. From the cafeteria to the dormitories, Trine University provides top-notch facilities to care for the 500 young men who attend the program each year.

## Staff

The staff of HBS 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 program experience for each delegate as informative, educational and fun as possible.

## Special Schools

HBS 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.

## Insurance

Delegates 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.

## Scholarship

Approximately \$13,000.00 in college scholarships were awarded to HBS 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 HBS 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 HBS's college fair.

## HBS Band

Formed from among those who have high school or other musical experience, the HBS Band plays an integral part of the program. If a Delegate plays a musical instrument and wishes to play in our 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 HBS's website offer in-depth information about the program and what it has to offer. Here is where you can visit:

[www.indianalegion.org](http://www.indianalegion.org)

Click on "Programs" and then "Hoosier Boys State" or go to

[www.hoosierboysstate.org](http://www.hoosierboysstate.org)

## Social Media

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[www.youtube.com/HBSorg](http://www.youtube.com/HBSorg)

