



**The American Legion
Department of Washington
Evergreen Boys State, Inc.
June 18-24, 2017**

**Post Chairman's and Recruiter's
Handbook**

www.EvergreenBoysState.org



The American Legion Department of Washington

Evergreen Boys State

Mr. Gary Roach, Chairman

Evergreen Boys State Executive Board

2422 Indian Ridge Rd., Chewelah, WA 99109

www.EvergreenBoysState.org

**The American Legion
Department of Washington
Evergreen Boys State**

2017 Session
June 18th through June 24th

at

Warm Beach Conference Center
20800 Marine Dr
Stanwood, WA 98292

Cost of the program is:
\$275 to the sponsoring Post
\$125 to each Student
Or \$400 total

Transportation to and from Evergreen Boys State is a
Student/Post/District responsibility

The Evergreen Boys State Registration Timeline

Limited to the FIRST 300 Students

1. Go to your Post, Schools, and your sponsoring partners NOW!

2. Applications (Please feel free to copy as many as you need)

Distribute the provided **Application** as an **information gathering tool** for you. Schools may want to distribute to students interested in attending the program and have them returned to you as the local recruiter.

The **Application is not required for attendance** to the Evergreen Boys State program. Please do **not send** the application form to Department or to Evergreen Boys State. Application forms are for your use as recruiting information only and may not be substituted for the Registration form.

3. The ONLINE Application at www.EvergreenBoysState.org

Online Applications may be submitted electronically by interested students who have not been contacted by schools or **local Post Recruiters**. They are processed as information for you. Online Applications will be forwarded to District or Local Post Chairmen as contact information.

The **Online Application** is not required for attendance to the Evergreen Boys State program. Do **not send** the online applications to Department or to Evergreen Boys State, we will distribute to you. Applications are for your use as recruiting information and may not be substituted for the Registration form..

4. Registration (Please feel free to copy as many as you need)

The **Registration document** is the **Official and Legal Document REQUIRED** for attendance. The Registration document is (2) two pages. Both pages are required. The Registration has (3) three signature lines for the student and parent. All are **REQUIRED**.

5. The Registration is complete when:

All information lines on the Registration are filled.
Students and Parents signatures and dates are in the proper locations.
The **Selecting Post Chairman** has signed and filled in the box at the bottom of page 2.
The **Fee and Registration** has been mailed or arrived at:

Evergreen Boys State
C/O Tom Connor
The American Legion Department of Washington
PO Box 3917 Lacey WA 98509-3917



The American Legion Evergreen Boys State

Post Chairman's Instructions

Thank you; you have accepted the position of Post Chairman for the Evergreen Boys State Program:

A big job? Not really...

Requirements of position:

- An understanding of The American Legion
- An understanding of the Evergreen Boys State Program
- A willingness to work with high school students and parents
- **A phone**, access to a **computer** and the ability to use it.
- A smile and a small amount of time

What does the EBS **Post Chairman** do?

- Work with Post leadership to raise funds to send students to the Program
- Contact high school student leadership for nominations to attend the Program
- Acquire Applications (printed hard copy of from the online applications or both)
- Review Applications for qualifying standards. Make selections. Match funding and seek further funding if required.
- **DO NOT** eliminate qualified students because you do not have funding for all; contact your District Chairman for funding assistance.
- Provide and review completed Registrations for Signatures and make sure they are complete.
- Contact the student and their parents and let them know you have selected them to attend Evergreen Boys State!
- Submit with payment to Department of Washington office; C/O Tom Connor
- Stay in contact with the Student and his Parents until they are on their way to EBS.

Receiving an email with an online application; **what do you do?** .

- When you receive an online email application, **FIRST**, please reply to the sender saying you received and you are processing the email application information
- **Contact the student and parents immediately** and follow the same process as any application above.
- Review Applications for qualifying standards. Make selection. Match funding and seek further funding if required.
- **DO NOT** eliminate qualified students because you do not have funding for all; If your Post has already made selections and your Post is out of funds, contact your District Chairman for funding ideas and assistance.
- Provide and review completed Registrations for Signatures and make sure they are complete.
- Submit with payment to Department of Washington office; C/O Tom Connor
- Contact the student and their parents and let them know you have selected them to attend Evergreen Boys State!
- Stay in contact with the Student and his Parents until they are on their way to EBS.

How to use online Applications

As the Chairman you may be getting data that is received from the web site that is showing who in your area is applying online to attend EBS. It is your responsibility to contact the student as soon as possible to ensure that they will stay interested in attending, and to not leave the delegate wondering what happened to his application.

Online Applications will be forwarded to you. Below is how the information is first generated and will be your first indication of an application in your District. Please make contact immediately! If you don't the student may find that there is another program that they would like to attend this summer. Your urgency is what makes this process a success, without it we will lose students....this is a tragedy that happens every year.

EBS Website Application via shr.prod.phx3.secureserver.net		Oct 5 (2 days ago)
Name:	Jim (fictitious Name)	
Street Address	POB 77	
City	Big	
State / Province / Region	WA	
Postal / Zip Code	98756	
Phone:	509 777 7777	
E-mail:	Big4@gmail.com	
Age:	16	
Year in school for the 2015/2016 school year:	Junior	
Preferred T-Shirt Size:	Large	
Parent/Gaurdian Name:	June Smith	
High School:	Big High School-Full-time Running Start student at Wenatchee Valley College	
H.S. Counselor/Advisor Name:	Steven Jones	
H.S. Counselor/Advisor Email Address:	Extra@wednet.edu	
Any information relevant to your application you would like us to know :	<p>I have been a member of Boy Scout Troop 77 for five years and am planning on completing my Eagle Rank by next summer. This Troop is chartered through the American Legion Post #77, and my Scout Master, Walt Hart is a Legion Member. He has recommended I apply for Boys State. I am also a youth supervisor with Patrol Explorer's Post 77. I am always looking for ways to improve my leadership abilities, and know that Boys State is a unique opportunity and only a possibility the summer after my junior year in high school.</p> <p>The field for H.S. Counselor will not allow me to put in the correct email of Big@wednet.edu</p>	
How did you hear about Evergreen Boys State:	Local American Legion program volunteer	
Application Type		
I understand and accept these expectations :	Agreed	
I understand the local selection process may require more action/information from me:		

Boys State Post Chairman Timeline

August

1. Appointed by incoming Post Commander no later than mid-August
2. Must have Email
3. Should have a Legion Cap
4. Should enjoy working with teenagers
5. Notify District Boys State chairman of appointment
6. View the www.EvergreenBoysState.org web site and learn all you can about the program

September

1. Make an appointment to see either your High School Principal or Vice Principal
2. Carry a few Why You Should Belong pamphlets and Evergreen Boys State Flyers
3. Wear Legion Cap
4. Dress for success, wear a Legion Polo shirt and slacks
5. Briefly describe the Boys State Program and ask for a point of contact in the school, preferably a teacher or staff member who has been to either Boys State or Girls State.

October

1. Make an appointment with the previously arranged school point of contact
2. Review the Boys State program with the POC giving dates and location
3. Ask the POC to identify potential candidates for the program
4. Ask the POC to set up a meeting sometime in November for you to meet the candidates and brief them on the program
5. Dress for success and wear legion cap

November

1. Meet with candidates and brief them on the program
2. Have Boys State flyers and Why You Should Belong Pamphlets available for each student.
3. Have registration forms with you
4. Have students fill out registration forms
5. Have students get parents signature and return forms
6. Dress for success and wear legion cap

December

1. Make individual appointments to meet with student and parents to brief parents on the program.
Give them several suggestions for obtaining the \$125 registration fee
 - a. Car Wash
 - b. Yard Work
 - c. Post can pay
 - d. Talk about possible arrangements for transportation to Boys State

January - June

1. Send registration forms with a check for \$275 (or agreed amount) per student to Department Headquarters.
2. Personally contact each student a minimum of once a month until the program starts on Father's Day.

Contact your District Chairman if you have any questions or problems

Remember, many teenagers plan their summertime activities well ahead of time so successful recruiting means getting to them early.

At the Department level we have TWO goals; at least one Boys State Citizen per Post and one Boys State Citizen Per high School.



The American Legion Evergreen Boys State

The American Legion Department of Washington, P.O. Box 3917 Lacey, WA 98509-3917 www.EvergreenBoysState.org

2017 Application to Attend Evergreen Boys State Program June 18-24, 2017

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Preferred T-Shirt Size: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

High School: _____ H.S. Counselor/Advisor: _____

H.S. Counselor/Advisor Email Address: _____

Any information relevant to your application you would like us to know:

Evergreen Boys State aims to allow every interested young man to attend regardless of family financial situation. Costs to attend are \$400. You may request tuition assistance from a local American Legion Post and/or a Sponsor to help pay.

Please check one: I and my family will pay the \$400 fee to attend
 I need to request financial assistance to attend

Important Information and Terms

By submitting this application, I accept and understand the purpose of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State. I will comply with the rules and regulations of the program, and if selected am obligated to attend the entire week of June 18-24, 2017. By applying, I agree to enthusiastically participate in this program to the best of my ability.

I understand and accept these expectations YES NO

I understand the local selection process will require more action/information from me YES NO

Student's Signature _____ Date _____



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2017 Evergreen Boys State Registration

This Registration must be completed by the Applicant and Parents or Guardian and returned to the local American Legion Evergreen Boys State Post Chairman or office for processing.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name to appear on your name tag: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Phone Number: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Preferred T-Shirt Size: _____

(Adult size: S, M, L, XL, 2XL)

High School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

For the Student: I understand that The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is an intensive learning experience with a very full and busy schedule, and that I am expected to **attend the entire week of June 18 through June 24, 2017**. I will enthusiastically participate in this program to the best of my ability.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

For the Parent/Guardian: I give my permission for my son (named above) to attend The American Legion Evergreen Boys State program for **the entire week of June 18 through June 24, 2017** and to be treated by medical professionals if deemed necessary in the event of accident or emergency while attending The American Legion Evergreen Boys State program.

I have reviewed program expectations with my son and am aware of his obligation to participate and follow all rules and instructions in order to ensure the safety of him and other program participants.

I understand that once my son is accepted to the Evergreen Boys State program, if he fails to attend without 30 days prior notice (May 19th, 2017), I may be asked to reimburse The American Legion Sponsors for all costs incurred on behalf of my son.

I also release use of my son's name and likeness for publication concerning his attendance of The American Legion Department of Washington Evergreen Boys State program session.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

**** CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE ****

Medical Information

Student's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name of Family Physician: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Does your son have any allergies or medical conditions we need to be aware of? YES NO

Does your son have any special physical needs? YES NO

Is your son currently using any prescription drugs? YES NO

Does your son have food allergies? YES NO

If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions, please explain below. You may attach another sheet if necessary.

I have provided any medical history deemed necessary above; if left blank there is no previous medical history necessary for accommodation or attention.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

***** Below required for processing by the American Legion *****

Department of Washington Office of Evergreen Boys State

Selecting AL Post #: _____	Amount to be paid by AL Post: \$ _____
Selecting Chairman Name: _____	Amount to be paid by Student: \$ _____
Selecting Chairman Phone: _____	Amount to paid by outside Sponsor \$ _____
Sponsoring Post # (if different): _____	_____
Outside Sponsor (if not a post): _____	Total Fees to be paid: \$400.00 (total amount must be \$400)

The History of The American Legion Boys State

What is Boys State (Nationally)

As a program of The American Legion, Boys State developed from the concept that our youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.

The American Legion Boys State is easily classified as a leadership action program where qualified male high school juniors take part in a practical government course designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that government is just what they make it.

How and Why Boys State Started

Boys State was born of a desire to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps of the 1930s, where boys of high school age were being taught that democracy had outworn its usefulness and should be replaced by a new form of government, namely Fascism.

The Boys State program was formulated in the minds of Legionnaires Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, both educators and both members of The American Legion of Illinois. It was their desire to start a counter movement within the ranks of American youth that would develop a better understanding of our system of government, and to instill in our youth a desire to preserve it. The format for Boys State was laid out by Harold Card and fashioned from a method employed by him in earlier years to properly police and organize a Boy Scout camp. Shorthanded on staff, he permitted the boys to govern themselves, hold an election and elect a mayor and a city council. Appointments were made to cover positions like police, fire, health and sanitation officials. Harold Card quickly found that the boys became so enthused in carrying out their 'city' duties; they almost neglected their Scout assignments. The boys were learning by doing.

The first Boys State was conducted at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois, in June 1935. Now, many years later, the program is still providing that opportunity to young men . . . to learn by doing, and through this time well over one million young men have experienced The American Legion Boys State. Though Fascism no longer poses a threat in today's world, our way of life is still threatened by forms of government alien to our democratic ideals, and by apathy among our own citizens. The American Legion continues to sponsor and to conduct Boys State in the belief that young citizens who are familiar with the operation of our system of government will be better prepared to uphold its ideals and maintain it for future generations

Evergreen Boys State Program Goals and Objectives

A program of this scope encompasses many important objectives. Those which we, The American Legion, feel are most important and those we strive the hardest are:

To develop civic leadership and pride in young American citizenship.

It is our earnest hope that each young man attending Evergreen Boys State will return to his community a better citizen. We desire to arouse in him, a personal desire to demonstrate this fact by his willingness to make civic contributions that will help to make his community a better place in which all may live.

To arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of our government.

Here we desire to create more than just a passive interest in the actual study of government; we strive to create an interest that will be born of the desire for knowledge.

To develop an understanding of American traditions and belief in the United States of America. Here we desire to impress upon the young men the glorious traditions which have made this country what it is today. To demonstrate freedom is maintained by the labors of those who believe in building a better Country.

To arouse in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government.

This we attempt to accomplish in many ways but primarily by bringing them into the full realization of how wonderful it is to be an American!

The final two objectives are taken from the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation."

"To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy."

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State

PROGRAM PURPOSES

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is a plan for training young men in the functional aspects of citizenship. It is a program of education conducted by The American Legion, Department of Washington. Its purpose is to teach the youth of today constructive attitudes toward the American form of government. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State shows that our scheme of government has not outworn its usefulness; all a republic needs is an intelligent citizenry, and an honest and impartial administration responsive to the will of the people.

It is a practical school of government, a program of education by participation - showing the part each person can play within our system of government.

PROGRAM

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is conducted on a **"learn by doing"** basis whereby the selected Citizens practice the procedures and operations of the various branches of city, county and state government, political parties, and a state legislature. The program is aimed at developing a more active and intelligent interest in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. It is a workshop of democracy in action.

The method of teaching at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is to have the youthful citizen's form and operate twelve fictitious cities, four counties, and one state; form and operate two fictitious political parties; conduct all local and state law enforcement as well as the judicial systems; form and conduct a bicameral state legislature. The constitution, statutes and codes of the State of Washington are used as the pattern for building the structure of Evergreen Boys State.

Citizens of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State will use knowledge already acquired regarding political machinery, parliamentary procedure, law enforcement systems, courts and legislative operation, etc., and will gain additional knowledge from the Staff while performing the actual functions of office holders. Each Citizen also is provided with text materials that will be used both during and after The American Legion Evergreen Boys State to explain the various branches and procedures.

As he registers, each Citizen is **assigned** to an Evergreen Boys State **"city"** and to a **"political party"**. Such assignments are made to insure equal participation in all branches of government and political parties requiring each Citizen to stand on his own by meeting and working with Citizens from all areas of Washington State. Evergreen Boys State cities are named after Washington trees; counties after mountain ranges or water bodies, the state is named **"Evergreen"**.

The curriculum calls for city governments to be formed first. Political parties are then formed, county and state conventions are convened, and each student becomes a Citizen. Aspirants to city, county and state political office's file and campaign individually, through their respective political parties.

Primary and general elections are held; inaugural ceremonies are conducted, then following the installation of all officers, all branches of the city, county and state government function.

Instructors, who by experience know the functions and procedures of state government and its political subdivisions, guide and coach the youthful citizens. They are careful, however, to allow the Citizens to function by themselves. The aim and purpose of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is thus attained - to let the Citizens live the process.

From this practical school of government, the young citizen has the opportunity to learn for himself that his government is just what he makes it. He learns the part each must play under our system of government, each can run for office, each can vote for the candidate of his choice, also each has a voice and a part in shaping the policies of his government.

EVERY CITIZEN HAS A DEFINITE AND INTEGRAL PART IN THE PROGRAM.

NON-PARTISAN

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is **non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-military**. Problems will be considered without reference to any existing political party, and will be free from propaganda. The sole purpose is to enable the populace to grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities he will be called upon to assume, when he becomes an adult.

It should be clearly understood that selection and assignment of the Citizens to parties is in no way connected with existing political parties in Washington. They are purely mythical and none of the principles typifying any of the existing parties will be assigned to the parties in Evergreen Boys State.

ELIGIBILITY

There are only 2 required eligibility criteria

- 1. Citizens must have just completed their Junior year in high school and be entering their Senior year**
- 2. Citizens must have a desire and willingness to both attend and participate**

Citizens must have just completed their Junior year in high school. Citizens must be males 15 to 18 years of age and must **not** have attended any previous Boys State. Candidates who have attended college or who have not completed the 11th grade will not be accepted. Running Start is considered a High School program for eligibility purposes. It is felt that the greatest good can be obtained from High School Juniors, since they will return home to offer leadership in their school and community during their senior year.

Selection of all Citizens is the responsibility of the local American Legion Post or SAL detachment. The method used should be based on fairness to every eligible candidate, the concept being the selection of the most representative Citizens available. The program is aimed at developing citizenship; therefore emphasis should be made to secure an all-around citizen leader. Selection should be based on the following five-point criteria: **CITIZENSHIP, LEADERSHIP, CHARACTER, SCHOLARSHIP, and SERVICE.** NOTE: Race or creed can have NO bearing on eligibility or selection.

Select only Citizens who can stay for the full week. The local American Legion Post must approve all Citizens.

THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY APPLICATION TO THE AMERICAN LEGION EVERGREEN BOYS STATE.

Once The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is in progress, the right is reserved for the Director or his designate to dismiss any Citizen for violation of rules of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, regardless of sponsorship.

TIME AND PLACE

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State program will be held on the campus of **Warm Beach Conference Center** in Stanwood, Washington, from **NOON, June 18th until NOON June 24th, 2017**. **Both dates and times are inclusive with NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Citizens should not arrive prior to noon June 18th, **Registration will begin at Noon and ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 18th and the final session will close at Noon on Saturday, June 24th.** Housing and meals will not be provided prior to registration or following the closing time. **THE FIRST MEAL WILL BE DINNER, SERVED SUNDAY EVENING, June 18th.**

TUITION and REGISTRATION FEES

Total fees are \$400, broken in to a Tuition Fee of \$275 and a registration fee of \$125. Students may request tuition assistance from the sponsoring American Legion Post. It is generally suggested that Posts provide \$275 in assistance to any student that requests assistance, but they may provide more or less depending on individual circumstances. Individuals, parents or guardians may make donations to the sponsoring local or State organizations for tuition scholarship fees. The tuition fee covers program costs, with the exception of a **\$125 REGISTRATION FEE to be paid in cash, check or credit card at registration in Stanwood, by each Citizen who has not made other payment arrangements.**

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation to and from Evergreen Boys State is NOT the responsibility of Evergreen Boys State, Inc.

Transportation to and from Evergreen Boys State is the ultimate responsibility of the student and parent. In some Districts, the local American Legion Post Recruiter may arrange transportation for sponsored Citizens. Coordination and costs for this is arranged at the local level and not by the Department or on-site program staff.

SPONSORSHIP

Early enrollment is imperative in order to assure qualified candidates of a reservation at The 2017 American Legion Evergreen Boys State session. Due to the advanced preparation that must be made, it is urgently requested that the **TUITION FEE** be filed with: **The American Legion Department of Washington, P. O. Box 3917, Lacey, WA 98509-3917, C/O Tom Connor, as soon as possible.** Fees submitted after May 15, 2017 will be accepted provided space is available. Make checks for sponsorship payable to: **The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, Inc.**

The American Legion Department of Washington wishes to invite local civic, fraternal, educational, religious, labor and other compatible organizations to fund tuition scholarships for properly qualified young men. **All citizen selections must be made by an American Legion Post, or if a local American Legion Post cannot be located, application may be made directly to the Evergreen Boys State Director's Office.** Emphasis should be made on filing the tuition fees at once - **through the local American Legion Post** - in order to ensure a reservation. Experience has proven that the privilege of sponsorship is one that will be eagerly assumed as soon as the program is properly explained. The sponsor may be an individual as well..

Reservations are accepted on first come - first served basis and will not be held unless attendance fees are paid in full. **Upon his return home, every Citizen will be obligated to appear before his sponsoring organization and make a report to its members on his impressions of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.**

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A physical examination by a physician is NOT required. Applicants must meet normal health standards and complete the application questionnaire. Special needs Citizenship are accepted, however, any special considerations for these Citizens will be at the expense of the sponsoring organization or the citizen.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

During Evergreen Boys State, first aid and or medical attention, if required, will be available. Every care will be taken to avoid accidents and prevent illness, but The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, Inc. will not be responsible for either injuries or sickness should they occur. Local health care is available as required or requested.

ON-SITE RULES FOR STUDENT SAFETY

Any Citizen of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, found to be using or in possession of intoxicants, tobacco products, illegal drugs, firearms, other weapons or explosives; gambling, destroying property, leaving the Evergreen Boys State Campus area without permission from the On-Site Director, or his designate, will be subject to immediate dismissal. He will be without recourse or refund and barred from further participation in the program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR FREE TIME

Although there will be designated times for rest and relaxation, The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is **NOT** a recreational camp. Citizens of Evergreen Boys State are not provided with time to participate in recreational activities. (No football, baseball, swimming or use of any sports or recreational facilities). The emphasis for FREE time is rest and relaxation. Sponsoring groups are requested to note that The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is in no sense a rehabilitative, disciplinary, or recreational camp.

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is a scholastic **Leadership** program. Only candidates with outstanding qualifications in citizenship, leadership, character, scholarship and service, having a serious attitude toward an intensive citizenship-training program, should be selected.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOYS STATE CITIZENS

Complete Citizen Instructions will be on the webpage **www.EvergreenBoysState.org**. The instructions will NOT be mailed to each Citizen on how to access the web site information.

The Registration, MUST be returned to the Evergreen Boys State Office with any fees being paid by the local Post and/or sponsors. Return to address is on the form.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The **Samsung American Legion Scholarship** requires certified information from high schools and family military records for eligibility. This scholarship is \$1,000 awarded at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, with an additional opportunity for a scholarship based on the National Samsung Selection Committee. The actual dollar amount and total number of scholarships awarded each year is based on the **Samsung** endowment fund earnings.

The Samsung Scholarship Application must be completed online BEFORE arriving at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State on June 18th, 2017. Unfortunately no exceptions can be made for any reason and mailed or faxed applications are not accepted.

Gladys M. Heintz Memorial Boys Nation Scholarship. Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to the two The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Citizens selected and attending The American Legion Boys Nation program. Attendance and completion of the Boys Nation program is required.

The Evergreen Boys State Foundation Scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to the elected Governor of the State of Evergreen. These funds were donated to the Foundation and managed for such scholarships. For more information on the Evergreen Boys State Foundation and how to donate, Contact the Evergreen Boys State Director.

The Carl and Ruth Wipperman Legacy Leadership Scholarship of \$1,000 was established in 2015. These funds were donated to the Foundation and managed for such scholarships. It is given to an outstanding future leader of our community, state and nation based upon their committed actions while attending The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

The Harry L Easley Outstanding Citizen Scholarship was established in 2008. Given to a citizen of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State who most distinguishes himself during the week as a citizen of the State of Evergreen.

Leonard Beil Speaker of the House Scholarship of \$500 is awarded to the Speaker of the House. These funds were donated to the Foundation and managed for such scholarships.

Evergreen Boys State Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship

City Citizenship Awards Certificates, valued résumé builders and a small monetary award is given with some requirement.

Daily Recognition Certificates, valued résumé builders.

GETTING COLLEGE CREDIT

In the past there has been an opportunity to gain college credits for attending The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, but this program is no longer in place. There may be opportunities for other credit in the future, but for now please let students know that the **college credits are not available at this time**.

General Information for attending The American Legion Evergreen Boys State

All Student Information will be delivered to the selected student via the Internet at WWW.EvergreenBoysState.org after the Evergreen Boys State Registration form is completed and funding is in the office.

What to Bring to The American Legion Evergreen Boys State

Required Personal items: An Alarm Clock; **Toiletry Articles:** soap, deodorant, wash cloth, **2 bath towels**, drinking cup, toothpaste, toothbrush, and shaving supplies. (Being clean-shaven or neatly trimmed is required). **Bring:** Clothes hangers, plastic bags for your soiled laundry and damp articles. **You may wish to bring:** Stationary, postage stamps, and an inexpensive camera, and sunglasses. **NOTE - Bring Glasses,** if you are a contact lens wearer, you must know that the wind blows in Stanwood. Airborne particulate is a constant source of eye irritation. Bring extra cleaning solution. Please feel free to bring religious material for your own personal use.

Be prepared for temperatures characteristic of western Washington, with wind and rain.

Citizens will be living in a **casual business setting**, and will be expected to dress appropriately at all times. During the program Citizens will aspire to become elected to high office within the State of Evergreen. You will be expected to dress in a manner as to which you would expect your public officials to dress in similar circumstances. In assuming your high office, you will assume the dress responsibilities of your position, as required by program circumstances.

Dress Codes

Code “C” Casual clothing that will be worn to most program events. (80% of your time)

Code “D” Dress clothing that will be required for at least 3 program events. (**Opening, Banquet, and Closing Ceremonies or at any time you wish to be on stage and address your peers in the process of Evergreen Boys State.**)

Code “R” Rest and Relaxation clothing, (10% of your time)

Definitions:

Code “C” Casual Clothing

Bring casual attire. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State casual attire is considered to be long pants, (jeans, Dockers type, and slacks style) Dress or semi dress shirts and sweaters are fine.

No Tee shirts that advertise any of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State restricted products, no gang shirts or colors, no inappropriate comment shirts. No grubby clothing, no old military clothing. Dress walking shorts, (knee length with hem, not sports or athletic style shorts) and appropriate shirt will be allowed for casual warm weather dress. Sweatshirts in original purchase condition may be worn during appropriate casual dress time periods. Bring a casual jacket, and or sweaters for evening dress.

Bring an appropriate amount of underclothing, and extra socks.

Bring casual comfortable shoes you will be doing a great deal of walking.

You must bring slippers or shower shoes. You will not be allowed to go barefoot at any time, inside or outside of the dorm rooms or buildings.

Code “D” Dress Clothing Required for semi-formal situation.

There are 3 meetings that will require dress clothing. **Any time you are on the stage with specific program duties**, dress clothing will be required. As you campaign for higher political office, dress clothing required. Bring more than one dress shirt, slacks or dress pant, tie, sports coat or business suit, and dress shoes.

Code “R” Rest and Relaxation, Free time dress.

This will be the **only time** that sweats, gym or sports clothes of all types will be allowed. Gym clothes, workout clothing, athletic clothing, are allowed during free activities time **ONLY**. **Shirts must be worn outside of the building at all times.**

Money

A Citizen has need only for a small amount of cash money during the week. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State tee shirts are provided to all Citizens. Warm Beach Conference Center has vending machines which will be available to Citizens during week if they are interested sodas and snacks.

Electronic Equipment

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **will not be responsible** for any lost personal electronic equipment of any kind. Music players such as an iPod or similar devices will not be allowed outside of Citizen’s personal rooms. It is suggested they are not brought. **Smartphone/Tablet/Laptop Computers:** nothing in the program requires them for Citizens to be successful; however many students find having use of an internet capable device handy during the week. Also, while we take security very seriously in all areas we use, EBS cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen electronics. **Jewelry:** do not bring anything of value. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **will not be responsible** for any lost personal articles, clothing, jewelry, electronics or money. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **does not check in or hold any item for safekeeping during the week.**

Insurance Information

Every precaution is taken to avoid accident and sickness at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State. Participants who do not already have group accident / sickness / medical insurance coverage, are insured under a group policy underwritten by Sentry Insurance. The Sentry policy is in excess coverage, to any other valid and collectable group insurance plan. (This exclusion does not apply to individual accident and sickness policies.) Should an unforeseen need arise for this insurance program, more detailed information will be sent directly to you at that time by The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

Emergency Citizen Contact during program week

Contact with The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Office may be obtained through Warm Beach Conference Center, (see www.EvergreenBoysState.org) any time. Emergency messages will be forwarded to the Director twenty-four hours a day. In addition we will have a phone in the Evergreen Boys State office during the week. The phone number is 206-962-7546.

Citizen Mailing Address

C/O: The American Legion Evergreen Boys State
Warm Beach Conference Center, 20800 Marine Dr, Stanwood, WA 98292

National High School Oratorical Program “A Constitutional Speech Contest”

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **Constitutional Speech Contest** is a scaled down simulation of this National Scholarship Contest. The program is conducted to give those interested a chance to exercise their speaking talents.

Doing well at Evergreen Boys State requires some study and HOMEWORK

The Citizen’s Manual will be available on the website for preview prior to the beginning of Evergreen Boys State week. It is strongly suggested each citizen do so. We suggest activities such as:

- Study parliamentary procedure.
- You will have the opportunity to run for public office at the city, county and state levels of government, including the judicial system. You would be well advised to make personal contact with as many publicly elected officials as possible, find out how they do their jobs.
- Study your local political party system. Contact the local members of political parties and ask them what they do and how the political party system works in your area.
- Familiarize yourself with current political issues via television news, newsmagazines, and newspapers. Computer news services provide excellent political news.

Mandatory homework

Know your Glossary of Terms. (Online material provided)

Study how a bill becomes a law. (Online material provided)

Write a Bill. (Use the Bill form provided, remember to use proper bill enacting clauses)

Review the Citizens Manual prior to arrival. (Web site material provided)

Parents Day, College Fair and Closing Ceremonies

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Parent Day and Closing Ceremonies will be at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Saturday (**subject to revision**). Parent Day is open to the families of EBS Citizens, members of all sponsoring organizations, and the interested public. A breakfast meal will require an admittance fee as charged by Warm Beach Conference Center. Tickets for the public may be charged online for breakfast. (note: there is no cost for attendance at the event for those who are not eating breakfast)

Citizens will have a City Meeting attendance obligation following Closing Ceremonies.

Evergreen Boys State Certificates and Pins will be awarded to those attending the last City Meeting on Saturday morning.

Do not indicate to a Citizen's family or offer any expectations that a Citizen may be released early for any reason.

Prospective Boys State Citizens Profile

The following characteristics should be used as a **guideline** for Post Chairmen when selecting students to attend Evergreen Boys State. Selection of delegates to the program is not a competitive process to compare students against each other. Rather each student should be evaluated on his own merit to determine if he would be a good fit for the program. There is no limit to the number of students a Post may select to attend.

Characteristic Profile of Prospective Evergreen Boys State Citizens

- He must have an understanding of what the program is about and must have a **desire to attend** The American Legion Evergreen Boys State program.
- He should have a positive attitude about life, and be a good citizen.
- He should have average or higher Grade Point Average.
- He should have a positive recommendation from his High School Advisor, Teacher or Principal.
- He must have completed the eleventh grade (junior year) of high school and be returning to high school the following year as a senior.
- He must **NOT** have attended any previous Boys State Program.

Other General Characteristics

- He is patriotic. He has a positive attitude about participating in his community, state and nation.
- He has an involvement in community service and youth activities outside of school such as Scouting, YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, 4H, FFA, Church, and other service organization youth programs.
- He has involvement, and participation in school activities, such as student government, clubs, class projects, school annuals, newspapers and sports.
- He exhibits leadership or potential leadership skills. He has good moral and ethical standards. He is poised and presents himself well.
- He is motivated and has immediate as well as life goals. He is ready to take his ACT or SAT exams. He is planning for his higher education, and has started scholarship searches.
- He is or has been employed.
- If an individual has an American Legion affiliation, he should be given special consideration for selection.

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Evergreen Boys State Selection Evaluation Guidelines

This evaluation tool is offered as guidance for the Recruiters. The evaluation process remains at the discretion of the individual American Legion Post Selection Committees. This is offered only as a guideline to assist in your selection process.

Name of candidate: _____ Date _____

It is recommended that scoring be on a 10-point basis. 1 being unacceptable, 5 being average, and 10 showing high understanding, each group should have one spokesman to ask the questions and give information about the program. All committeemen should score each applicant at the same time. **Selection Process** of 10 to 15 minutes for each candidate.

Observations

1. The **Registration** itself can tell you a lot. Is the Registration properly filled out? Is it legible? Is it downloaded, 2 pages and on appropriate paper? Are all appropriate signatures in the proper spaces and are they identifiable as the appropriate individuals? **(Score ____)**
2. **Personal appearance** - How is he dressed? Is he well groomed? (*Taking into consideration current fashion styles and fads*) Do they appear to fit into what should be considered as normal high school student dress? Are they respectful to you as an adult, and the adults around them? (*Have you created an atmosphere of respect for them to react to?*) **(Score ____)**
3. Are parents present at the selection process? **(Y/N)** (Parents should be invited to student interviews.)

Important Teaching Questions

1. How did you find out about Evergreen Boys State? What do you think you do at Evergreen Boys State? Why do you think you should be selected and sponsored to attend Evergreen Boys State? **(Score ____)**
2. **Can you stay for the entire week if selected?** (June 18th thru June 24th, 2017, noon till noon is required) If the answer to this question is NO, explain the requirements, and then end the interview. **(The only answer is YES)**

Student General Information

1. What school activities are you involved in? **(Score ____)**
2. What activities are you involved in outside of school? **(Score ____)**
3. What is your high school GPA? (Grade Point Average) **(Score ____)**
4. What have you considered doing after high school? College, Military, job, Etc. **(Score ____)**
5. Have you applied for any scholarships? (Most high school Juniors have not) **(Score ____)**
6. Are you going to apply for Evergreen Boys State Scholarships? **(Y/N)**
7. Define leadership? What leadership activities are you involved in? **(Score ____)**
8. Define Patriotism? Have you ever been involved in any patriotic activities? **(Score ____)**
9. Explain Citizenship? Are you a good Citizen? **(Score ____)**
10. Have you ever been involved in student government? **(Score ____)**
11. Are you a good representative of your school? **(Score ____)**
12. **Is the student capable of internet use and able to download and print files from the Evergreen Boys State website www.EvergreenBoysState.org ?**

Committee Scored Questions (scored after interview)

1. Is this the kind of student that is representative of our local school district? **(Y/N)**
2. Is this student willing to be part of Boys State and work within the system of the program? **(Y/N)**
3. Is this the student that I want to represent me, his school, and the membership of our Post? **(Y/N)**
4. Is this student going to be disruptive and influence others to follow his disruptive characteristics? **(Y/N)**

YES, I recommend we send this student to Evergreen Boys State.

Signed _____ Total Score _____



DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
The American Legion Evergreen Boys State
Personnel Duties and Responsibilities

District Chairmen

1. Ensure that Department Chairman has your correct contact information; Name, Address, Phone and/or Cell number, Email address.
2. Prior to 1 December contact each Post Commander and get contact information on each Post Boys State Chairman.
3. Ensure that Post Chairmen know and understand their duties
4. Attend District Conferences
5. Attend all Boys State related functions in District
6. Help forward all Boys State student applications to Post Chairmen
7. Assist Post Chairmen as required
8. Serve on Evergreen Boys State, Inc. Board of Directors

Post Chairmen

1. Make contact with the High School as soon as you get this information.
2. During November/December, re-contact all High Schools in Post's area and ensure they are aware of Evergreen Boys State. Ensure that schools have flyers and your contact information.
3. Identify each High School contact person and inform District Chairman. (Principal, Counselor, Teacher, Librarian, Coach, etc.)
4. Arrange for someone to speak about Boys State at schools during fall or winter.
5. If necessary organize fund raiser to sponsor one or more students
6. Make delegate selection and submit forms and fees to Department no later than May 15, 2017
7. Promote/Share program information with other community organizations to build awareness and goodwill for the American Legion

Post and District Chairmen should know the website:

www.EvergreenBoysState.org



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Mr. Gary Roach, Chairman

Dear Evergreen Boys State Citizen and Parents,

Congratulations to you and your family on behalf of The American Legion Department of Washington Commander, Mr. Wayne Elston, and the Evergreen Boys State Board of Directors. You have been selected, sponsored, and **YOU are now REGISTERED as a 2017 CITIZEN** of the State of Evergreen. While there are Boys State programs throughout the United States you will be attending one of the more recognized programs in the Nation. In the more than 75 year history of Evergreen Boys State, more than 27,000 young men have attended this American Legion Program and attribute some of their ongoing success due to their participation in this elite American Legion program.

The 2017 session of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State will be held on the campus of **Warm Beach Conference Center** in Stanwood, Washington, **starting at Noon on June 18th, through Noon on June 24th, 2017**. You must arrive on time and stay through the entire program week. Each Delegate is required to pay a \$125 Registration Fee upon arrival and registration at Warm Beach Conference Center. There are some exceptions to this rule if you are paying the whole \$400 or other financial assistance was arranged with your sponsor. Any fees that are the responsibility of the delegate will need to be paid upon arrival to the campus in Stanwood.

Everything that you need to know to prepare yourself for the program is located at our website at www.EvergreenBoysState.org. Parents and delegates are encouraged to take the time to familiarize themselves with the program by reviewing information provided on the site. It is the parent and student obligation to know the rules and requirements for the week long program. If you do have other questions please feel free to contact your sponsoring Post, or the representative that has been in contact with you.

Please take time to verify your eligibility and apply for the **Samsung American Legion Scholarship**. The information can be found here: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>. The State Samsung winner will receive an award of approximately \$1,000 and have a chance to compete for a National Scholarship Award. There are also other opportunities to earn scholarships while at Evergreen Boys State, and our website is the best way to learn of those opportunities. About one in twenty students attending Evergreen Boys State will receive a scholarship this year from the program.

We look forward to greeting you in June, as we know you will enjoy the experience of becoming one of a very elite group of Washington citizens, known as The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Alumni.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Roach, Chairman
The American Legion Evergreen Boys State
The American Legion Department of Washington



Evergreen Boys State

Please join us for The American Legion and Family Appreciation Day

Saturday, June 24th, 2017.

8 a.m. – Breakfast Program, Awards and Graduation Ceremonies

Followed by the Citizens' final City meeting, Citizen and City Fellowship, Wrap-up (Pins and Certificates) and Dismissal

Parents and Legion Members Welcome to Attend

Evergreen Boys State Breakfast

All guests MUST have pre-paid tickets to attend the breakfast.

Cost: \$10 per person

All Must pre-register by June 21st: Register online below or register in person at EBS Student Registration at noon on June 18th.

Join us for **Family Day** at Evergreen Boys State. Activities include Breakfast, Graduation Ceremonies and the Citizens' final City Meeting.

Tickets are \$10 per person (to cover the cost of breakfast). Tickets may be purchased in advance online (below) until Wednesday, June 21st, or in person at EBS Site Registration on June 18th. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets bought online will be held at the door for pick-up on Family Day. NO refunds of unused breakfast tickets.

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