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**Recruiter's Handbook**

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2023 Session  
June 18th through June 24th

at

Warm Beach Conference Center  
20800 Marine Dr  
Stanwood, WA 98292

Cost of the program is: \$500 total  
\$300 "tuition" to the sponsoring Post  
\$200 "registration" to each Student

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

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# COVID-19 and Evergreen Boys State

Let us face it: With the COVID-19 pandemic and all the unknowns of what is to come between now and June, this will be an incredibly challenging year for Evergreen Boys State recruitment.

The Evergreen Boys State Leadership Team will be working with Warm Beach Conference Center to ensure our event can be conducted safely; however, depending upon conditions the team may also consider working on some alternative plans to conduct a virtual Evergreen Boys State session (at a reduced cost) if it appears we will not be able to conduct an in-person event.

For the 2023 year only, we will accept High School Seniors to attend Evergreen Boys State (in addition to Juniors) since they were not able to attend last year's session. This does NOT include seniors from Washington who attended a 2022 Boys State Program in Oregon, California or any other state. Please factor this info your recruitment efforts. Unfortunately, High School Seniors will **not** be eligible to attend Boys Nation or to apply for the Samsung Scholarship. These two programs are administered at the National Organization. National makes the rules for their programs and we have no ability to waive them locally.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Recruitment is going to be vastly different this year. Schools' administrators may or may not want visitors in their facilities in order to protect their students.

Our focus for now is going to be primarily digital marketing and recruitment. The flyers and brochures are on the Evergreen Boys State website for you to download and use.

Please think outside the box when it comes to recruitment this year. What are ways you can virtually reach out and contact students?

- Print out and post flyers on the community bulletin board at local stores
- Advertise via the NextDoor app (something parents will see)
- Articles in the local city newspaper
- Does your Post have Twitter? Facebook?
- Does your Post sponsor a Boy Scout troop?
- Contact local homeschool support groups
- Do you have teacher/counselor contacts in schools already? Email them!

If necessary, we suggest that in lieu of in-person interviews you consider doing interviews by telephone using sites like FreeConferenceCall.com or via Zoom, Google Meet or Microsoft Teams video conferencing applications.

If you have other recruitment suggestions which could be used by the various Post Recruiters, please send them to [office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:office@EvergreenBoysState.org) and we will share with all.

# Where Your Post Fits In

Let us start by talking about where and how your Post fits into the overall planning of the program. American Legion Evergreen Boys State will give you some suggestions on what your Post should do, when to do it, and how to do it, for your Post to have a successful American Legion Evergreen Boys State program. The pointers in this guide are tried and true methods of operation. American Legion Boys State programs have found through years of experience that the suggestions really do work.

Posts that follow the procedures for the selection and attendance of delegates are rewarded by sending the best of the best Washington has to offer to Evergreen Boys State, and the program is successful because of it.

All American Legion Posts are autonomous. You should use the selection process that works best for you – just keep in mind that you and your Post members should have the final say in the selection of the delegates you sponsor. Please do NOT leave it in the hands of the school to select and register your delegates. Consult with them of course, but members of your Post have the final say as to who attends this premiere program. Be involved!

Many American Legion Posts in Washington seek community involvement as well, accepting donations from other civic organizations to afford the opportunity for these young citizens. Why would they do this? Because THEY know the benefit of a good citizen coming back to their community and support the local American Legion's program with open arms.

## American Legion Post Commander

If you are the Post Commander, we suggest that you appoint a member of your Post as Boys State Chairperson or form a Boys State committee. It is to your advantage to have as many of your Post members active in the work of your Post as possible. Your duties as Post Commander will be more productive as you distribute tasks to the members of the Post.

Be sure that you pick someone for the position of American Legion Evergreen Boys State Chairperson who is qualified for the job. You may not be able to look around the meeting room and find that Chairperson. It could be a member who does not have time to attend meetings but will make time to find delegates to attend Evergreen Boys State.

Go over the membership roster and look for someone who is good at working with other people and can communicate effectively with young people. It may be a teacher, coach, scout leader, newspaper reporter, etc. Do not just look for someone you think will accept the job - look for someone who you know will **DO** the job.

Make personal contact and ask him/her to accept the position of Evergreen Boys State Post Chairperson and tell them why you think they would be good for the job and what they bring to the table!

## Post Boys State Chairperson

**You are the key** to the selection of the highest quality delegates to ensure a successful Boys State session. You have an opportunity to help shape the leaders of your community, state and nation for the future. Former Boys State citizens have been – and currently are – leaders in many facets of government, military, business, and professional life, including the President of the United States.

Be immensely proud of the job you have been selected to perform for your American Legion Post. Proper planning and follow-up are important to a Boys State Chairperson. Please keep in mind that, not unlike college, students initially APPLY to attend Evergreen Boys State; your Post will need to interview and accept them; finally, the student will REGISTER to attend.

You will want to swing into action as soon as practicable. Make personal contact with the high school principal, government teacher, superintendent, school board members, and even clergy and Boy Scout troops within your community. Make an appointment to address them and take along the Boys State brochures that explain the program. You may even ask them to make recommendations of students – but you and your Post, after interviewing the candidates, should maintain and have the final say as to whom you will sponsor.

It is important that these individuals fully understand the program; what Boys State is, and what it is not. As Post Chairperson, you need to know the program yourself. Take time to read this handbook as well as the Citizens Manual so you will see what the delegates see. Also, please review the timeline for the registration process. Contact your District Chairperson or District Commander if you have questions.

Wear your American Legion cap. Be proud of the fact that our organization created the Boys State program.

YOUR POST will be making the final selection of delegates. Each young man should have a desire and ability to attend for the entire week. It is also important that each selected delegate to Boys State knows what the program is about in a general way, and what the dates for the program are.

Evergreen Boys State recommends that you have a list of names to interview by April, so that you will have plenty of time to hold your interviews and make the final selections. An application is provided in this guide, for each young man to complete. This form supplies information on each candidate so that you can let your Post Selection Committee study them over - prior to the interviews at the Post or school. Also included in this guide is a suggested interview and scoring form for you and/or your committee to use.

When selecting your delegates, keep in mind that the delegate(s) you select will be representing your Post, and the community. Please do not automatically eliminate students from consideration just because they may only have an “average” grade point average. If the student is sincerely interested and willing to attend, please give them the opportunity to do so! If your Post selects the best possible delegates, their experience, and yours, will change their lives.

When you select the people to help you with the interviews, be sure to select people who have an interest in young people and some experience in dealing with them. Pick people who can make a

sound decision about your delegate selections and who can observe the attitudes of the young men and their answers.

A note about online applications received via the EvergreenBoysState.org website: The online application system is not intended to replace the Post Chairperson or relieve him/her of the need to make personal contact with the schools in your Post area. The Post Chairperson should not simply wait and hope that someone from their area applies via the website. The online application is a simply a means to generate leads to students interested in attending – students who may not have heard about Boys State via traditional recruiting methods – and help the Post Chairperson to find qualified students to sponsor. **YOUR efforts are the key to the success of this program!**

## **What Was Evergreen Boys State Like? A Post Follow-Up**

After American Legion Evergreen Boys State, you and your Post will want to know what you got for your money. After all, your Post may be spending more money on Evergreen Boys State than on any other program your Post participates in all year. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State staff, of course, thinks your money could not have been better spent!

More importantly, you want to know about the experience gained and shared at Evergreen Boys State by the young men sponsored by your Post. Your Post should let your entire membership and your community know about the experience your delegates had at Boys State and at the same time, get publicity for your Post and The American Legion.

It is suggested you have a dinner in the Fall, after the young men return to school. Invite all your delegates and their parents. Note: send invitations out early! These students have busy activity schedules that quickly fill up with other events.

Invite school officials and civic leaders, and any other people that might have been involved in the process. Invite the Mayor and the City Council and consider inviting the local news media. Include the local paper, the local radio stations, and if you are lucky enough to have a TV station, be sure to invite them, too.

Plan your dinner carefully. Do not have it on the same night that a big football game is scheduled or any other activity that is bound to attract a large segment of the community away from your Post. If your Post or Auxiliary Unit sent girls to Evergreen Girls State, invite the young ladies to participate in the event as well.

When you contact your young men about attending the dinner, explain that they will be called upon to give a short report to all in attendance about their experience at American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

Introduce your guests; however, leave the speeches up to the young men (and women). You are having this affair for them and they should have the limelight. Everyone else is there to show these young adults how proud they are of them.

## Planning for the Future

Now that your Post has selected the best possible delegates to represent your Post and they have attended American Legion Evergreen Boys State and come back home full of enthusiasm; subsequent Boys State work will go a lot easier.

The delegates will be anxious to tell all their friends about what a great time they had at Boys State and how much they learned while they were having fun. The more the word gets out, the better position your program will be in. How did this positive attitude get started? **You** were the person who made it happen.

Consider using your Boys State delegates from last year, or former Boys State delegates who live and work in your community, as part of your Post selection committee.

# **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 Goals and Objectives

A program of this scope encompasses many important objectives. Those which we, The American Legion, feel are most important and those for which 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."

## **Program Purposes**

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is a workshop 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 Information**

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State program 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 citizens form and operate up to 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 ensure 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 can 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. Problem solving challenges will be presented 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 and Attendance

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

NOTE: For the 2023 session only, students may be high school Seniors who did not have the opportunity to attend last year's session due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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 Citizens is the responsibility of the local American Legion Post, Unit, District, Riders Chapter or SAL squadron.** 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 of delegates. Please do not request applicants provide a photograph as part of your selection process.

**Select only Citizens who can stay for the full week.** Late arrivals and early departures are not allowed.

**The Department Headquarters of The American Legion Reserves the Right to Accept or Reject Any Application to The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.** The Director or their designate may accept delegates to attend The American Legion Evergreen Boys State. Once The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is in progress, the right is reserved for the Director or their 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 2:30pm, June 18th until 10:30 am June 24th, 2023. Both dates and times are inclusive.

Citizens should not arrive prior to noon June 18th and should plan to have lunch prior to arrival. Registration will begin at Noon and ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 18th. The final session will close at about 10:30 am 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 at 5:30 pm.

## Tuition and Registration Fees

**Total fees are \$500.** Traditionally this is broken into a Tuition Fee of \$300 and a registration fee of \$200. Students may request financial assistance from the sponsoring American Legion Post. It is generally suggested that Posts provide \$300 in assistance to any student that requests assistance; however, Posts may provide more, or less, funding depending on individual circumstances. If a student's family is willing to pay the entire \$500, it is acceptable to have them do so. It is suggested that the Post request the registration fee from the student's family and send it to Department in advance; however not mandatory that they do so. If the student is paying the \$200 Registration Fee at registration in Stanwood, it may be paid in cash, check or money order by each Citizen who has not made other payment arrangements. (Make all checks out to "Evergreen Boys State")

**If a Post has more students than they can afford to send, please DO NOT turn down these students!** Send their registration forms to Department Headquarters. Then contact your District Chairperson who can solicit funds from other Posts in the local area. If additional funding is still needed, please contact us at [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org) for assistance as soon as possible.

## 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 Delegate and parent. In some Districts, the local American Legion Post recruiter or District Chairperson may arrange transportation for sponsored Delegates. 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 to assure qualified candidates of a reservation at the 2023 American Legion Evergreen Boys State session. Due to the advanced preparation that must be made, it is urgently requested that the Registration form and Tuition Fee be submitted to The American Legion Department of Washington, P. O. Box 3917, Lacey, WA 98509-3917, c/o EBS Registrar, as soon as possible. Reservations are accepted on a first come - first served basis. Fees submitted after June 1, 2023 will continue to be accepted provided space is available. Make checks for sponsorship payable to: "Evergreen Boys State"

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. Whenever possible, all citizen selections should 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. We request Tuition Fees be submitted as soon as possible – preferably by the local American Legion Post. The sponsor may be an individual as well.

Upon their return home, we encourage that every Citizen should 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 program.

## 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

The Evergreen Boys State staff will work with the Warm Beach Conference Center to plan for appropriate sanitation measures as required by the county health department regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 their designate, will be subject to immediate dismissal. He will be without recourse or refund and barred from further participation in the program.

## R&R / 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. 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 **EvergreenBoysState.org**. The instructions will NOT be mailed to each Citizen on how to access the web site information. Once registration forms are received by the Department Registrar, delegates will also receive information via email from the office.

# Scholarships Offered

The **Samsung American Legion Scholarship** requires certified information from high schools and family military records for eligibility. The minimum scholarship the winner will receive is approximately \$1,250. The state winner's application is forwarded to National to compete for one of ten \$5,000 awards or one of ten \$10,000 awards. Please note that scholarship winners receive either \$1,250 OR \$5,000 OR \$10,000 – they do not receive any combination of those amounts.

The Samsung Scholarship Application must be completed ONLINE before arriving at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State on June 18th, 2023. Unfortunately, no exceptions can be made for any reason. Mailed or faxed applications and/or supporting documents cannot be accepted. Do not have students bring hard copies of their application or supporting documents to Evergreen Boys State – if the material is not part the on-line application, it WILL NOT be considered.

The following funds were donated to the Evergreen Boys State 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 **Gladys M. Heintz Memorial Boys Nation Scholarship**. Two \$1,000 scholarships are 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 Governor's Scholarship** of \$1,000 is awarded to the elected Governor of the State of Evergreen.

The **Carl and Ruth Wipperman Legacy Leadership Scholarship** of \$1,000 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** of \$500 is 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.

The **Leonard Beil Speaker of the House Scholarship** of \$500 is awarded to the Speaker of the House.

Several Certificates of Recognition are also awarded during the week including:

- City Outstanding Citizen Award Certificates (one per city)
- "Citizen of the Day" Recognition Certificates
- "City of the Day" Recognition Certificates
- Bar Examination Ace Certificate

# General Information for Delegates

All Delegate Information will be delivered to the selected Delegates via the email address they provide as well as on the Internet at [EvergreenBoysState.org](http://EvergreenBoysState.org) after the Evergreen Boys State Registration form is received at the Department Office.

## What to Bring to Evergreen Boys State

### Required Personal items:

An alarm clock or smartphone with alarm app; 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 an inexpensive camera and sunglasses.

NOTE: Bring Glasses if you are a contact lens wearer. The wind blows in Stanwood. Airborne particulate can be a 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 occasional wind and rain. Citizens will be living in a casual business setting and are always expected to dress appropriately. 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 2 program events. (Friday Banquet and 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

Allowed casual attire includes long pants, (jeans, Dockers type, and slacks style).

Dress or semi dress shirts and sweaters are fine.

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.

You may want to bring a rain jacket.

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. Open toe (sandals/flip-flops) footwear is not allowed outside of the dorm area.

**Do not bring:** T-shirts that advertise any of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State restricted products, gang shirts or colors, shirts with inappropriate comments, grubby/ripped clothing, or old military clothing.

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

There are some occasions 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 will be required. Bring more than one dress shirt, slacks or dress pant, tie, sports coat or business suit, and dress shoes.

Note: Students should not feel restricted from attending because they do not have dress clothing. We suggest checking out the local 2<sup>nd</sup> hand stores like GoodWill or Value Village. Perhaps the Post could help them out with funds if needed!

### **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 always be worn outside of the building.

## **Money**

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

## **Electronic Equipment**

**Smartphone/Tablet/Laptop Computers:** nothing in the program requires these items 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 of the conference center that we use, The American Legion Evergreen Boys State will not be responsible for any lost personal electronic equipment of any kind.

## **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.

## **Special Dietary Needs**

Warm Beach Conference Center works to provide healthful and delicious meals served buffet style in their dining facility, which meets a wide range of dietary needs and preferences. Individualized meal plans are not offered; however, guests with dietary restrictions are welcome to bring additional food items to supplement what is provided on the menu. There are places with refrigerators, microwaves, and counter space where they can prepare their own supplements. Also, they do not cook with or provide peanuts in their foods or vending machines at the camp. A sample menu can be provided upon request.

## **Emergency Citizen Contact during program week**

Contact with The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Office may be obtained through Warm Beach Conference Center, (see [EvergreenBoysState.org](http://EvergreenBoysState.org)) any time. Emergency messages will be forwarded to the Director twenty-four hours a day. The [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org) mailbox is monitored during the week. 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**

{Citizen's Name}  
c/o Evergreen Boys State  
Warm Beach Conference Center  
20800 Marine Dr  
Stanwood, WA 98292

## **Advance Preparation Required**

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:

- Familiarize themselves with parliamentary procedure.
- They will have the opportunity to run for public office at the city, county and state levels of government, including the judicial system. They may want to make personal contact with as many publicly elected officials as possible and find out how they do their jobs.
- Learn about their local political party system. They may want to contact the local members of the political parties and ask what they do and how the political party system works in their area.
- Familiarize themselves with current political issues via television news, magazines, and newspapers. Computer news services provide excellent political news.

## **Additional Suggested Items to Prepare**

Know their 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)

## **Trumpet/Bugle Players Needed**

We are looking for a few good musicians who would be interested in participating in playing for the opening and closing flag ceremonies each day. If interested, please have the student contact us at [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org).

## **National High School Oratorical Program**

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

## **Family Day and Closing Ceremonies**

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Family Day and Closing Ceremonies will be at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Saturday (subject to revision). The Family Day breakfast is open to the families of EBS Citizens, members of all sponsoring organizations, EBS alumni 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 graduation portion of 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.



## **DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON**

### **The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Personnel Duties and Responsibilities**

#### **District Chairpersons**

1. Ensure that Department Chairperson has your correct contact information; Name, Address, Phone and/or Cell number and email address. Send to [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org)
2. Prior to 1 December contact each Post Commander in your District and get contact information on each Post Boys State Chairperson. Send information to [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org)
3. Ensure that Post Chairpersons know and understand their duties
4. Attend your District's Fall and Spring Conferences and roundtable meetings
5. Attend all Boys State related functions in your District
6. Help forward all Boys State student applications to Post Chairpersons
7. Follow up with Posts to ensure applications are being timely processed and registrations submitted
8. Assist Post Chairpersons as required
9. Conduct a District Orientation for all delegates
10. Serve on Evergreen Boys State, Inc. Board of Directors

#### **Post Chairpersons**

1. Contact the High Schools in your area as soon as you get this information.
2. During November/December/January/February, re-contact all High Schools in your 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 (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 raisers to sponsor one or more students
6. Make delegate selections and submit forms and fees to Department no later than June 1, 2023
7. Promote/Share program information with other community organizations to build awareness and goodwill for the American Legion

Note: If space is available, Evergreen Boys State will continue to accept Registration forms for interested delegates up to and including the start date (June 18th). Contact [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org).

Post and District Chairpersons should know the website: [\*\*EvergreenBoysState.org\*\*](http://EvergreenBoysState.org)



# Post Chairperson Instructions

Thank you; you have accepted the position of Post Chairperson 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 and access to a computer
- A smile and a small amount of time

What does the EBS Post Chairperson 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 or from the online applications or both)
- Review Applications for qualifying standards. Make selections. Match funding and seek further funding if required.
- PLEASE DO NOT eliminate qualified students because you do not have funding for all your applicants; contact your District Chairperson and/or [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org) for funding assistance.
- 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 Registration form to Department of Washington office; c/o EBS Registrar.
- 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 it, 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.
- PLEASE DO NOT eliminate qualified students because you do not have funding for all applicants. If your Post has already made selections and your Post is out of funds, contact your District Chairperson and/or [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org) for funding ideas and assistance.
- Review completed Registrations for Signatures and make sure they are complete.
- Submit Registration form to Department of Washington office; c/o EBS Registrar.
- 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.

# Boys State Post Chairperson Timeline

1. Incoming Post Commander appoints a Chairperson
  - a. Must have Email
  - b. Should have a Legion Cap
  - c. Should enjoy working with teenagers
2. Post Commander and/or Post Boys State Chairperson should notify District Boys State Chairperson of the appointment and provide the contact Name/Email/Phone number
3. Review the [EvergreenBoysState.org](http://EvergreenBoysState.org) website and learn all you can about the program
4. In the Fall, after school has begun, make an appointment to see the High School career counselor, the Junior Class advisor or the Principal or Vice Principal. Also reach out to JROTC instructors!
  - a. If available, carry a few Why You Should Belong pamphlets and Evergreen Boys State Flyers
  - b. Wear your Legion Cap
  - c. Dress for success, wear a Legion Polo shirt (if you have one) and slacks
  - d. 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.
5. Make an appointment with the previously arranged school point of contact
  - a. Review the Boys State program with the POC giving dates and location
  - b. Ask the POC to identify potential candidates for the program
  - c. Ask the POC to set up a meeting for you to meet the candidates and brief them on the program
  - d. Dress for success and wear your Legion Cap
6. Meet with candidates and brief them on the program
  - a. Have Boys State flyers and Why You Should Belong Pamphlets available for each student.
  - b. Have registration forms with you
  - c. Have students fill out registration forms
  - d. Have students get parents signature and return forms to you
  - e. Dress for success and wear your Legion Cap
7. Make individual appointments to meet with student and parents to brief parents on the program. Give them several suggestions for obtaining the \$200 registration fee
  - a. Car Wash
  - b. Yard Work
  - c. Post can pay
  - d. Talk about possible arrangements for transportation to Boys State
8. Personally contact each student at least once per month until the program starts on Father's Day

Be sure to send registration forms to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. It is okay to send the check for \$325 (or agreed upon amount) per student later if you are recruiting multiple students.

**If a Post has more students than they can afford to send, please DO NOT turn down students for lack of funding! Interview them and send their registration forms to Department! Please contact us at [Office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Office@EvergreenBoysState.org) to assist with finding other funding sources.**

Contact your District Chairperson if you have any questions or problems.

Remember, many teenagers plan their summertime activities several months in advance 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 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 [EvergreenBoysState.org](http://EvergreenBoysState.org)**

**Online Applications** are meant to supplement the Post efforts to recruit students to attend Evergreen Boys State – they are not intended to replace having the Post Chairperson make personal contact with the local schools to recruit students. 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 Chairpersons as contact information.

Please note that completion of an Online Application is **not required** for attendance at the Evergreen Boys State program. Please do not send the online applications to Department or to Evergreen Boys State. Application forms are for your local use for information gathering on prospective delegates and should not be substituted for the Registration form.

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

The two page **Registration document** is the official and legal document required for attendance. Both pages are required to be filled out. The Registration has (3) three signature lines for the student and parent. All are required. Typed forms are preferred if possible!

### 5. **The Registration is complete when:**

All information lines on the Registration are filled.

Student and Parent signatures and dates are in the proper locations.

The Selecting Post Chairperson has signed and filled in the box at the bottom of page 2.

The Registration has been submitted to:

Evergreen Boys State  
c/o EBS Registrar  
The American Legion Department of Washington  
PO Box 3917  
Lacey WA 98509-3917

# How to process online applications

The online application system is not intended to replace the Post Chairperson's efforts in personally contacting schools to recruit students to attend! As the Chairperson you may be getting data that is received from the EBS website that is showing who in your area is applying online to attend EBS. Please 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 do not 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:	<a href="mailto:Big4@gmail.com">Big4@gmail.com</a>	
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:	<a href="mailto:Extra@wednet.edu">Extra@wednet.edu</a>	
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 <a href="mailto:Big@wednet.edu">Big@wednet.edu</a></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:		

# Prospective Boys State Citizens Profile

The following characteristics should be used as a **guideline** for Post Chairpersons 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.** If your Post has more qualified boys than you have funds to sponsor them, please contact your District Boys State Chairperson and/or the EBS office at Office@EvergreenBoysState.org for assistance in locating other sources of funding.

## Characteristic Profile of Prospective Evergreen Boys State Citizens

- He should understand 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 may have a positive recommendation from his High School Advisor, Teacher or Principal; however, this is not a requirement to attend
- 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 is involved and participates 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.

Please remember the above are suggested guidelines. Remember that the world is run by “C” students. If you have an average student who is genuinely interested in attending Evergreen Boys State to learn, please send him!

# FORMS



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

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

# 2023 Application to Attend Evergreen Boys State Program June 18-24, 2023

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 (use back of form as needed):

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Evergreen Boys State aims to allow every interested young man to attend regardless of family financial situation. Financial assistance from a local American Legion Post and/or a Sponsor is available to all applicants. Total cost to attend is \$500. Typically, an American Legion Sponsor will pay \$300 of this cost; however full financial aid can be provided if needed.

**Please check one:**      I and my family are able to pay the \$200 fee to attend  
                                  I 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, 2023. 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# The American Legion Evergreen Boys State

The American Legion Department of Washington, P.O. Box 3917 Lacey, WA 98509-3917 [www.EvergreenBoysState.org](http://www.EvergreenBoysState.org)

## 2023 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name for 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, 2023**. 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, 2023** 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 17, 2023), there are no refunds and 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 or restrictions? 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 \*\*\*\*\*

### To be completed by Evergreen Boys State Post Recruiter/Sponsor

Selecting AL Post #: _____ District # _____	Amount to be paid by AL Post: \$ _____
Selecting Chairman Name: _____	Amount to be paid by Student: \$ _____
Selecting Chairman Phone: _____	Amount to be paid by outside Sponsor \$ _____
Sponsoring Post # (if different): _____	
Outside Sponsor (if not a post): _____	Total Fees to be paid: <b>\$500.00</b> (total amount must be \$500)

# The American Legion Department of Washington

## 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 committee members should score each applicant at the same time. **Selection Process** of 10 to 15 minutes for each candidate.

### Observations

1. The **Registration Form** itself can tell you a lot. Is the form 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)** (*Where possible, 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, 2023, noon till noon is required) If the answer to this question is NO, explain the requirements. (The only acceptable answer here 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. Why are you a good representative of your school? **(Score \_\_\_)**

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Quick Reference for American Legion Evergreen Boys State 2023

### Dates

- Program Dates – June 18th through June 24th, 2023
- Registration forms must be sent to EBS Registrar at Department HQ
- Deadline for the Samsung Scholarship application is June 18th, 2023 (application is online and more info can be found at <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>)

### Location and Time

- Location – Warm Beach Conference Center, Stanwood
- Registration times – June 18th from Noon-2:30pm
- Family Day Breakfast – June 24th at 8:00am (cost \$15/person)
- Graduation Celebration – June 24th at 9:00am (no ticket required)

### Cost

- Cost per delegate –\$500 (total)
- Tuition – \$300 (usually paid by the sponsoring Post/District/SAL/Riders Chapter/Unit)
- Registration fee – \$200 (usually paid by the delegate at time of registration – this may be paid in advance as well)
- Financial aid is available up to the full cost to attend
- Please do not turn down a student due to lack of funding – we can find money to sponsor them!

### Website Links

- <https://EvergreenBoysState.org>
- <https://EvergreenBoysState.org/post-chairmen-and-recruiters-resources/> (resources page)
- <https://EvergreenBoysState.org/volunteer-application/> (volunteer to help out on site!)
- <https://tinyurl.com/EBS-EGS> (additional resources from training presentation)
- Also find us on Facebook (@EvergreenBoysState, Instagram (@EvergreenBoysState) and Twitter (@WA\_BoysState)!

### Contact information

- **Chairman:** Tony Morea [Chairman@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:Chairman@EvergreenBoysState.org)
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## Evergreen Boys State

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[EvergreenBoysState.org](http://EvergreenBoysState.org)

**Tony Morea, 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. James Cook, and the Evergreen Boys State Board of Directors. You have been selected, sponsored, and **YOU are now REGISTERED as a 2023 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 83-year history of Evergreen Boys State, more than 28,000 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 2023 session of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State will be held on the campus of **Warm Beach Conference Center** in Stanwood, Washington, with registration taking place from **Noon on June 18th, through 10:30 am on June 24th, 2023**. You must arrive on time and stay through the entire program week. If fees are not prepaid prior to arrival, each Delegate is required to pay the balance due upon arrival and registration at Warm Beach Conference Center.

Much that you need to know to prepare yourself for the program is located at our website at [EvergreenBoysState.org](http://EvergreenBoysState.org). Between now and the start of Evergreen Boys State our office will be sending you additional information to help prepare for this event. 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 weeklong program. If you do have other questions, please feel free to contact your sponsoring Post, the representative that has been in contact with you, or email us at [office@EvergreenBoysState.org](mailto:office@EvergreenBoysState.org).

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 – at a minimum – an award of approximately \$1,250. The State winner's application will be forwarded to compete for a National Scholarship Award of \$5,000 or \$10,000. 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 meeting you in person 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,

Tony Morea, Chairman  
The American Legion Evergreen Boys State  
The American Legion Department of Washington

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# **Please join us for The American Legion and Family Appreciation Day**

**Saturday, June 24th, 2023.**

**8 a.m. – Breakfast (ticket required)**

**9 a.m. – Awards and Graduation Ceremonies (no ticket required)**

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

**Parents, Educators and Legion Members Welcome to Attend**

## **Evergreen Boys State Breakfast**

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

**Cost: \$15 per person**

Tickets are \$15 per person (to cover the cost of breakfast). Tickets may be purchased in advance online (below) until noon Wednesday, June 21st, or in person at EBS Site Registration on June 18th. All breakfast 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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