



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of New Hampshire
121 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

February 18, 2015

TO: N.H. American Legion Post Commanders/Adjutants
N.H. High School Principals, Guidance Counselors, Social Studies Teachers

FROM: NH American Legion Boys State Committee

SUBJECT: **2015 NEW HAMPSHIRE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE –
EARN THREE COLLEGE CREDITS – WIN SCHOLARSHIPS!**

DATES: June 21 - June 26, 2015

LOCATION: **RIVIER UNIVERSITY, NASHUA, NH**

Enclosed is the material for the 2015 N.H. American Legion Boys State program. What a proud tradition we have in the American Legion and our many programs of commitment to America's youth. We are preparing for our **68th** annual Boys State Program here in New Hampshire and we are proud of our history. Each year 60-80 high school juniors participate in the New Hampshire program. Two of these students are among the 100 students who are fortunate enough to be selected from the 20,000 Boy State delegates nationwide to travel to Washington, D.C. and to participate in the national Boys Nation Program. There will be much to discuss and debate at this year's program with the nation's troubled economy, the growth in the federal deficit, health care reform, and how all of these impact New Hampshire.

Boys State, which is a "learn-by-doing" experience in the American way of government, creates a forum for discussion by tomorrow's leaders about the issues of today and the challenges of the future. We have an excellent Boys State Program here in NH and we would like to extend ourselves to maximize the availability of this fine program to as many high school juniors as possible. Although we are always interested in quality over quantity of students, we feel there are many quality students out there who could learn and benefit from this program, and all are welcome to participate. Let's do it for America's youth and for the future of the American way of government: **SEND ONE OR MORE of your students to Boys State.**

Our host College, Rivier University, will award three college credits for successful completion of the Boys State program and payment of nominal credit fees to the college. Applying for the credits is optional to the students. All students will be eligible to apply for NH American Legion Boys State scholarships.

SELECTION: Selection and sponsorship of one or more candidates from the Junior Class should be made in cooperation with the local American Legion Post. Final approval remains with the Legion Post. The **tuition cost of \$300.00 will be paid by the local sponsor**, whether it be the Legion Post, an individual, business or other local organization, and there is a **\$25.00 student application fee**. In the case of Regional or Cooperative Schools covering more than one town, candidates should be selected for the approval of the American Legion Post officials in each town. If unsure who to contact, please call headquarters at 856-8951 or refer to the American Legion website listings of local Posts at www.legionnh.org.

(OVER PLEASE)

ELIGIBILITY: Boys who will have completed their JUNIOR year in 2015 and are ready to enter the Senior Class in the Fall will be accepted if they meet the following criteria:

1. Scholastic average should be 80 or better.
2. Must be of good character and health.
3. Should have outstanding qualities of leadership, character and good citizenship.
4. Submit draft bill or resolution with application - (See enclosed instructions).

Please be selective. Candidates who will benefit most are those who can adapt to absorbing much information in a limited amount of time. However, do not hesitate to send multiple qualified students from your school.

SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Boys State participants may be eligible for one of seven national American Legion scholarships valued at up to \$20,000 each, provided by Samsung Ltd. of South Korea. The National Finalist selected at NH Boys State will receive at least a \$1,000 scholarship and become eligible for the national scholarship awards. More information will be provided to Boys State attendees. Other state scholarships will be available to all students.

Joseph Arsenault of Berlin High School, a Boys State delegate in 2008, was NH's first national Samsung scholarship winner and was awarded a \$20,000 scholarship. It can happen again!

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Each year, the American Legion Department of NH and the Sons of the American Legion award additional scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$1,000. On average, 6 scholarships are awarded to each class.

APPLICATIONS: Two copies of application materials are enclosed to each High School Principal, Guidance Counselor and Social Studies Teacher. American Legion Posts also have the same information. If more applications or program flyers are needed they may be photocopied locally or you may contact: THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301, TEL: 856-8951.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All applications must be received at Department Headquarters by June 3, 2015. The Legion tuition sponsor fee of **\$300.00 and the student's nonrefundable application fee of \$25.00** must accompany the application. Checks should be made out to: American Legion, Dept. of NH.

THANK YOU for your past cooperation and interest in sending us those boys whom you consider best qualified to maintain the high standards of New Hampshire American Legion Boys State. Please coordinate efforts with local American Legion officials so that all applications are processed and received at our Concord office by the above deadline. If unable to contact the local Post, please contact the department headquarters at 856-8951 or nhsect@legionnh.org.

Please refer to the enclosed program flyer for all pertinent information or visit the Boys State website at www.nhboysstate.org, with a link to the Boys State Facebook page. Any questions may be directed to your local American Legion Post or the State office at 856-8951.

Sincerely,
Jason Cipriano
NH Boys State Committee



THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS FAITH IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND BELIEVES THAT AS THE FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY, THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE TOOLS TO WORK WITH. THEREFORE, THE AMERICAN LEGION PROUDLY ANNOUNCES FOR THE **68th YEAR** ---

**N.H. AMERICAN LEGION
BOYS STATE**

"A WEEK TO SHAPE A LIFETIME"

JUNE 21 – JUNE 26, 2015

RIVIER UNIVERSITY - NASHUA, N.H.

TEACHING: CITIZENSHIP - DEMOCRACY - GOVERNMENT - LEADERSHIP

EARN THREE COLLEGE CREDITS – WIN SCHOLARSHIPS!

BOYS STATE PURPOSES: BOYS STATE is a practical application of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of American Citizenship. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of our Nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve our American traditions.

N.H. Boys State is a six-day training course in study and practical application of problems of self-government. It is not meant to take the place of a course in Civics or Government as taught in high schools of the state, but is planned so students may put into practice the theories of American Government as taught in the classroom, through operation of the city, town and state offices as organized under the plans of Boys State.

American citizenship is a priceless possession. America is a free land, and believing that principles of democracy as guaranteed by our constitution have made us a great and powerful nation. The American Legion hopes to assure this freedom to our citizens of future generations. In order to accomplish this purpose, youth must be trained not only in theory of government, but in its actual practice and operation. We believe that a prepared and trained youth will more effectively preserve and perpetuate this precious heritage and be ready to assume the trust and responsibilities that go with American Citizenship.

All participants will be tested at the conclusion of the program to evaluate the quality of the material presented and the effectiveness of the program. **Rivier University will award three (3) college credits for successful completion of the Boys State program and payment of nominal credit fees to Rivier University. Applying for the credits is optional to the students. All students will be eligible to apply for NH American Legion Boys State scholarships.**

THE PROGRAM: "LEARN BY DOING" - When the students arrive on campus, they will be assigned to a city or town, to the House or Senate, to an Executive Council District, and to a mythical political party. Conduct of the program will function under the basic laws of the State of New Hampshire using the existing constitution and existing laws as a guide.

The caucus and convention method will be used for nominating candidates to city and town offices. Primary elections will determine the party's nominees for state offices. There are many opportunities to serve in an elective (or appointed) office at Boys State. Petition method is used in determining how a candidate's name is placed on the ballot. Mock municipal meetings, political party meetings and a court trial will be held.

The citizens of Boys State have their own legislature, introduce and argue their own bills and conduct their own elections. Each student has a chance to learn for himself that government is just what he makes it.

TIME AND PLACE: JUNE 21 – JUNE 26, 2015, New Hampshire American Legion Boys State will be held on the campus of Rivier University in Nashua, NH beginning on the afternoon of June 21 and ending on the evening of June 26. All students will be housed on the campus and meals will be provided by the dining service or the American Legion.

ELIGIBILITY: BOYS WHO WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JUNIOR YEAR in 2015, and are ready to enter their Senior Class in the Fall will be accepted if they meet the following requirements: 1) maintain a scholastic average of 80 or better; 2) must be of good character and health; 3) should have outstanding qualities of leadership, good citizenship and courage; 4) submit a draft bill or resolution (instructions enclosed); and 5) submit a nonrefundable student application fee of \$25.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Post Commanders and High School Principals: In making final selections, please pick the boys who are the leaders. By selecting the best available students, a high quality program is maintained and the consensus is not that anyone can attend Boys State. It should be an HONOR to attend Boys State as the representative of your school and community. To be clear, however, there is **NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF QUALIFYING STUDENTS** that can be sent from any school.

FEES/SPONSORSHIPS: The only cost to the student is a nonrefundable application fee of \$25.00. The tuition fee of \$300.00 for students attending Boys State will be borne by the American Legion Sponsor. The sponsor can be an American Legion Post, individuals, civic, school or community organizations. These fees cover the cost of instruction material, board, room, recreation, and expenses incidental to Boys State, with the exception of transportation to and from Rivier University and personal expenses. All checks should be made out to: THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NH, and transmitted to Department Headquarters together with an Application Form and Draft Bill properly completed. If unsure of which Legion Post to contact locally, please call headquarters at 856-8951 or refer to the American Legion website listings of local Posts at www.legionnh.org.

At the conclusion of Boys State, each boy attending will be expected to fulfill his obligation to report to his sponsor telling of his impression of Boys State.

HEALTH - MEDICAL: DELEGATES TO BOYS STATE will be protected by a supplementary group health and accident policy. This policy is NOT intended to replace any prime coverage already carried by the boy or his parents; it is additional coverage. Every care will be taken to avoid accidents or illness, but Boys State will not be responsible for either injuries or sickness should they occur. Each boy must **bring** with him on the first day of the program a medical certificate (form enclosed), showing that he has been examined by a medical practitioner and is in good health.

STAFF: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND COUNSELORS are trained and experienced leaders of young men. Experienced counselors of excellent character and an ability to deal with young men are selected for staff. All are Boys State Graduates. Junior counselors are recent Boys State Graduates who have shown maturity and an interest in the purposes of Boys State. Instructors and lecturers will be some of the most outstanding personalities available. They include political incumbents, former elected officials, Senators, Representatives, Mayors, Selectmen, Attorneys, Judges and other officials.

VISITORS: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, SPONSORS AND PARENTS are invited and urged to visit Boys State at some time during the session. Visitors are requested to make their presence known to a Staff Member upon arrival. Visitors are especially invited to the graduation ceremonies on the final day of the session.

For additional information or applications, see your guidance counselor, visit the Boys State website at www.nhboysstate.org, with a link to the Boys State Facebook page, or contact:

THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of New Hampshire
121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301 Tel. 856-8951

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS BY JUNE 3, 2015



THE AMERICAN LEGION - DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301

N.H. BOYS STATE APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please Print. Complete this application with a school official and the local American Legion Post. Applications must be submitted to the American Legion by June 3, 2015. This application must be accompanied by the Draft Bill form provided, the student's \$25.00 nonrefundable application fee and the American Legion Sponsor tuition check of \$300.00 (please see below).*

PART I - STUDENT

NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

PARENT'S NAME _____ **HOME PHONE NO.** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Have you been informed of the general idea and purpose of N.H. Boys State, read the program flyer and understand that your admission depends on your school record for grades, character and leadership? _____

I pledge myself to fully cooperate in the entire program of N.H. Boys State from June 21 to June 26, 2015 if my application is accepted.

(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

PART II - SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

As Principal of _____ High School, I recommend the above named student of the 11th grade (Junior Class) as eligible for citizenship in New Hampshire Boys State as a result of his AVERAGE GRADE of 80 or better and his standing in CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP in school activities.

(Principal's Signature) (Date)

PART III - AMERICAN LEGION POST

Submitted by Post No. _____
(Post Commander or Adjutant) (Date)

Sponsored by: _____

* Checks should be made out to: The American Legion, Dept. of NH, with Boys State written on the check memo.

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2015 SESSION OF BOYS STATE

DRAFT BILL OR RESOLUTION

Students must submit a “draft” bill (or resolution) with their application. This bill should be reviewed by a school Social Studies teacher or Guidance Counselor. The draft bill can be on any subject matter that can be addressed by State Government, including, but not limited to, budgets, crime, environment, education, gambling, healthcare, citizens safety, highway/transportation, etc. This bill should be printed on the form on the reverse side of this page, or typed and attached to this page. See samples at www.nhboysstate.org.

FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) SPONSORED BY (YOU);
- 2) RELATES TO (BILL’S SUBJECT MATTER); AND
- 3) WRITE THE DRAFT TO INCLUDE WHAT THE BILL WILL DO, WHEN IT WILL TAKE EFFECT AND IF IT REQUIRES FUNDING, WHAT THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDING WILL BE (GENERAL FUND, USER FEES, TAXES, etc.),

THESE BILLS DO NOT NEED TO BE PERFECT! All submitted bills will be distributed to the appropriate Boys State House or Senate Committee for review and action during the week of the program. Having these bills ahead of time will allow more time for discussion and development of quality legislation during the program.

SUBMIT THIS BILL OR RESOLUTION WITH YOUR APPLICATION!

(OVER PLEASE)

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S.B. OR H.B. # _____

(SENATE BILL OR HOUSE BILL NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE CLERK)

SPONSORED BY: _____(PERSON(S) INITIATING THE BILL)

REFERRED TO: _____(COMMITTEE IT PERTAINS TO)

RELATES TO: _____(WHAT THE BILL IS IN GENERAL –
EDUCATION, BUDGET, ENVIRONMENT, LAW, MOTOR VEHICLE, HEALTH, ETC.)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2015 SESSION OF BOYS STATE THAT:

IN THIS SECTION, THE RESPECTIVE LEADER OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE WILL CHECK WHETHER THE BILL OR RESOLUTION PASSED, FAILED, OR WAS AMENDED, AND THEN SIGN IT:

P F A

– – – _____(SIGNATURE OF SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE)

– – – _____(SIGNATURE OF SENATE PRESIDENT)

– – – _____(SIGNATURE OF GOVERNOR)

SIGNATURE OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR WHO REVIEWED THE BILL:

THANK YOU!!!!



**AMERICAN LEGION
BOYS STATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print and complete in full. **This form should be retained by the applicant and must be turned in to Boys State on June 21, 2015.** Part III must be completed by a medical practitioner.

PART I - BASIC EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Names: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Home Phone No. _____ Business Phone No. _____

If there is no answer at either of the above, in an emergency call:

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name of Family Physician _____ Phone No. _____

Physician's Address: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE:

Name of Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____

Parent's Name Insurance is in _____ Employer _____

APPLICANT'S MEDICAL HISTORY:

Date of last physical examination: _____ List any current medications:

Is there a history of Asthma, Heart Conditions, Diabetes or Epilepsy: yes no

Is your son allergic to: Medications _____ Sulfa _____ Penicillin _____ Other _____

Do you give permission to medical personnel, in the case of an emergency, to administer Anesthetic and/or Emergency treatment as required?

yes no

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

(OVER PLEASE)

PART II - UNDERSTANDING INSURANCE LIABILITY

I understand that the insurance provided by the American Legion for _____ is supplemental and will in no way replace any existing insurance maintained by the applicant or his Parents/Guardians. This insurance will cover only those incidents directly related to Boys State which The American Legion shall be liable for.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

PART III - HEALTH STATUS CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I have examined _____ of _____ and find him physically fit to participate in the American Legion Boys State Program. He does not have any communicable diseases.

Signature/Examining Physician _____ Date _____

(Recent physicals for school activities are acceptable).

BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU TO BOYS STATE ON JUNE 21, 2015