

Volunteer Boys State

Due: Friday, Nov. 19

Date of Boys State: May 22-28, 2011

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs.

High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization [You can now EARN COLLEGE CREDIT while attending American Legion Boys State. For more information click here.](#)

Application Process

Please submit a 1000-word essay responding to the following prompt:

What does it mean to be a good citizen of Tennessee? What are two major problems affecting the state of Tennessee and how would you address each of them?

Please submit your essay to Mrs. Ruse by Friday, Nov. 19.