



American Legion Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935.

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.

Boys State educates our youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. Boys State endeavors to provide a foundation for understanding self-government, a rational approach toward the solution of public questions, and a live faith in the ideals and processes of democracy. The program of training and instruction consists of extending the boy-citizen's acquaintance with the background of American ideals, expanding his knowledge of the underlying principles of government organization, and by means of active participation in the government of Boys State helps him to set up constructive ideals toward all phases of representative government.

For more information on the New Jersey Boys State Program, please visit the American Legion Jersey Boys State website at <http://www.aljbs.org/index.php>.

Application Requirements:

1. Resume
2. Essay on what makes you a strong candidate (500 words or less)

Please submit your resume and essay to the Guidance Department by **December 3, 2020.**

I, _____, wish to be considered for the Boys State program. I am available to attend the program in June (6/20/21 – 6/25/21) at Rider University.

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| _____ Student Name | _____ Signature | _____ Date |
| _____ Parent Name | _____ Signature | _____ Date |