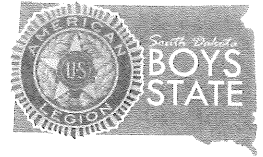


SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
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January 10, 2021

Greetings School Counselors and Officials,

On behalf of Boys State, I would like to say Happy New Year I hope this finds you well!

We truly regret canceling the 2020 Session. In attempts to ensure all Boys have an opportunity to attend **Boys State, the 2021 session is open to all Junior and Senior Boys.**

Registration for 2021 South Dakota Boys State is available **NOW** at www.southdakotaboysstate.com. We highly encourage applicants to apply as early space is limited and we already have many high-quality students. The dates for this year's session are May 31-June 4, 2021.

Your continued involvement in the recruiting process is vital to the success of our future leaders. Boys State is an American Legion Program that teaches young men about the functions of State Government through a hands-on process. Students will create a fictitious state starting at the City level, then continuing to the County level and onward to a State level cumulating with the election of a Boys State Governor and a full state government. Nowhere else will they be able to take part in such process.

Throughout the week students will hear from South Dakota's Congressional Delegation, SD Municipal League Office, Secretary of State, County Officials, among many other state leaders. They will participate in law enforcement classes from the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Legal classes from members of the SD Bar Association, run for elections at every level of State government and join in Party Caucuses. Some will even ligate real SD Supreme Court cases at the Brown County Courthouse.

Students also have an opportunity to create friendships and contacts that will carry them throughout their lifetime.

Just a reminder, registration is purely on-line. When a boy registers, the person in your designated American Legion Post will receive it via email instantly to evaluate the applicant. Your post will evaluate using the established criteria and notify Travise Flisrand, Boys State Registrar, via email if the candidate has been approved or not. If your student does not hear back within two weeks from the Post please let me know directly, I will personally follow up with the Post representative.

This is a ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS!!

Additional details regarding the session can be found at www.sdlegion.org and www.southdakotaboysstate.com.

Your continuing support will ensure that South Dakota Boys State is the premier summer program for South Dakota's best and brightest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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May 1
Deadline