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Boys State of Virginia, Inc.

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Dear Counselor,

Virginia Boys State is one of the most respected educational programs available to high school students and provides the opportunity for individuals to gain hands-on experience about our state and local government. Participants cultivate leadership skills and develop pride in American citizenship. This year's American Legion Boys State Program will be held at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden Sydney, Virginia, June 21-27, 2026. Eligibility is limited to outstanding young men of the junior class who possess and demonstrate *leadership, character, and honesty*. *This session marks our 83rd session of our program.*

This year's session will be able to accept 600 young men who meet the established qualifications. **The recommended ratio for high school nominations is two delegates for the first 100 members of the junior class, then one delegate for each additional 100 members of the junior class.**

I suggest that your faculty recommend outstanding students who will represent their school. These names must then be provided to the **local American Legion Post for interviews** and acceptance into The American Legion Boys State program.

The rules and regulations must be provided to the nominees to make certain they **understand and are willing to comply before they are selected for the program.** (A copy of the Rules and Regulations are enclosed.) The American Legion Boys State website (www.vaboysstate.org) will also provide you with an overview of the program and "UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS/GUIDELINES".

Nominees sponsored by organizations other than The American Legion **MUST** be approved by a representative of The American Legion and cannot be admitted to Boys State without this endorsement.

Those young men chosen **MUST** be able to arrive between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21st, for registration and **MUST** be able to stay the entire week ending Saturday, June 27th. **The Director of American Legion Boys State is the only person who may grant an exception to this requirement and will consider only those requests that are an emergency. Late arrivals from other programs or functions or early departures for other programs or functions will not be allowed.**

All "Applications for Sponsorship" by organizations outside The American Legion should be presented to the local American Legion commander or his/her designee, which will be forwarded to Registrar, 1522 Olde Mill Creek Dr., Suffolk, VA 23434-2319, with a fee of **\$600.00** for each delegate. All fees should be paid by check, payable to the local American Legion Post, and should be forwarded **NO LATER THAN May 15, 2026.**

For further assistance please review our website, www.vaboysstate.org, which contains additional information and contact addresses.

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