



# Buckeye Boys State

**“A week to shape a lifetime”**

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# Buckeye Boys State Mission Statement

- The mission of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State is to provide an educational and leadership program that exposes young men to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities, and the love for God and Country necessary to being self-governing citizens.
  - Through a practical, objective, nonpartisan approach, participants in The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program are exposed to fundamental democratic principles in local, county, and state elections and government functions which prepare them for leadership roles as patriotic American citizens.
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# Program Overview

- Established in 1936
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> chartered Boys State Program in the Nation
  - Single largest program in the Nation
  - Averages over 1200 delegates annually
  - Premier youth program in Ohio
  - #1 Boys State program in the Nation
  - Held at Miami University in Oxford
  - Program governed by 60 member board of trustees all of whom are members of The American Legion
  - Over 125 staff members at the program
  - Planning meetings are held in the spring and fall
  - Annual planning meetings held with Miami University and Ohio State Highway Patrol prior to the program
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# Organizational Sections

- State Government
  - Elections
  - Finance
  - Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Legislative
- County Government
- City Government
- Courts
- Banking and Realty
- School Boards
- Utilities
- Band





# Support Sections

- Administration/ Boys State Office
- Campaign Headquarters
- Chief Counselor and Counselors
- Computer Support
- Hetuck
- Mini Mall
- Public Relations
- Recreation





# Special Events and Scholarships

## Events

- Flag Retirement Ceremony
- Boys State delegate memorial service with full military honor guard
- Ohio State Highway Patrol memorial service
- College Fair
- Boys Nation selections

## Scholarships

- Government Excellence Awards (six \$500.00 awards)
  - Samsung Scholarship (ten National finalists, \$20,000.00 each)
  - United States Senate Youth Program (\$5,000.00 scholarship)
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# Guidelines for Selecting Candidates

- Candidates MUST have completed the Eleventh Grade and have at least one semester left prior to graduation.
  - Candidates should have a good scholastic ranking and be recommended by the High School Principal to the sponsoring American Legion Post/Squadron.
  - Candidates should possess qualities of Leadership, Scholastic Achievement, good citizenship and a willingness to participate.
  - **CANDIDATES MUST BE RESIDENTS OF OHIO AND CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. NON-CITIZENS ARE WELCOME AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM BUT EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
  - Candidates should demonstrate an interest in United States History, Government and Civics. Debate or Public Speaking is a benefit to candidates.
  - Candidates are required to be in attendance for the ENTIRE Boys State program. If a candidate does not complete the program for any reason other than illness or emergency, the candidate or his family will refund all registration and travel monies to the Sponsoring Post.
  - **Candidates MUST believe in United States Citizenship and the ideals of "God and Country" on which our country and The American Legion were founded.**
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- **Buckeye Boys State is not a sports camp or vacation camp.**
  - Buckeye Boys State is a highly structured, intense, "hands on" workshop into Ohio Government. Candidates at Boys State will learn by doing.
  - Candidates selected to Buckeye Boys State must be willing to give The American Legion and Buckeye Boys State an eight day commitment of their time and 100% willingness to learn and participate.
  - Candidates are required to attend a Boys State Orientation program in his area. Details on the orientation program **will be provided** to all candidates by **the sponsoring Post/Squadron.**
  - **THE FINAL SELECTION IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST.** A representative of the Post must meet with the candidate and certify him for acceptance. Young men not acceptable to a Post/Squadron will not be acceptable to the Boys State Board of Trustees.
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# Important Information

- Buckeye Boys State will be held at Miami University June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Enrollment fee is \$300.00 per delegate
- February 15<sup>th</sup> is the first deadline for Posts or Squads to have enrollment requests with money in to Department
- March 1<sup>st</sup> is the FINAL mailing of enrollment forms
- New online registration with specific codes



# Information

- Website- [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com)
- Facebook- [www.facebook.com/BuckeyeBoysState](http://www.facebook.com/BuckeyeBoysState)
- Twitter- [www.twitter.com/OhioBBS](http://www.twitter.com/OhioBBS)
- Instagram- [www.Instagram.com/ohiobbbs](http://www.Instagram.com/ohiobbbs)
- E-Mail- [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com)





# How to get involved

## Post Chairman

- Contact local schools about the program
- Complete Post Chairman form for mailings
- Paperwork and Interviews
- COMMUNICATION!!!!

## Buckeye Boys State Staff

- Fill out staff application
  - Be able to commit to 8 days at the program
  - Attend Spring and Fall meetings
  - COMMUNICATION!!!!
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