

For Sponsors

Virtually anyone, including parents, can sponsor a Boys Stater this summer. In addition to families, delegates are sponsored by American Legion Posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals. If you have further questions, please contact your high school counselor or the American Legion Boys State of Kansas office toll free at 1.866.241.9920 or e-mail us at info.1937@ksbstate.org.

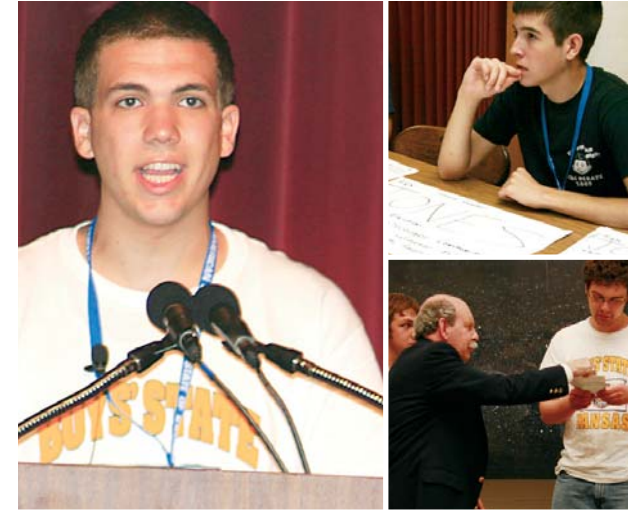
Program Fees

The total fee for the 2009 session of Boys State is \$300. In most situations a delegate or his family pays \$40 and a sponsoring organization pays the remaining \$260. Both fees must accompany the application which must be postmarked by March 31, 2009 to guarantee a reservation.

No refunds after May 1, 2009!

Sending a young man to Boys State is a two-fold investment. Clearly it is an investment in a young man who is heading into his senior year with plans for college and beyond. BSLA is also an investment in the future of your community, state and nation.

Whereas driver's education gave them valuable training in road responsibility, BSLA has given tens of thousands of young Kansans hands on civic responsibility. It has strengthened confidence, inspired leadership, built bonds of friendship and erased prejudice—all in a safe, open and welcoming environment. This is an opportunity for you to keep passing the torch to the next generation.



The Seventy-Second Annual American Legion

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Sunday May 31 - Saturday June 6, 2009
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For Students

Summer is a time to relax and have fun, right? But students like you who are headed to college understand you must do more to get ahead. How can you have fun this summer, make life-long friends, test the waters of college life and learn leadership skills for your future all in one week? Boys State is the answer.

Qualifications

You must be a junior in high school (2008-2009 term), be in the upper half of your class, be a self-starter and be involved in extra-curricular activities.

Planning for Session

After your application has been processed, you will receive a PDF packet by e-mail. This packet will explain what to bring to session, inform you of elected and appointed offices and include descriptions of day-to-day activities. Carefully studying this information will help ensure that you will get the most out of your session. We recommend that all applicants talk with previous delegates and visit our website, www.ksbstate.org, where you can view our video.

College Credit & Scholarships

Participants can choose to earn three hours of college credit through the KSU Leadership Department while attending Boys State and apply for one of 12 national Samsung scholarships worth \$20,000 (only Boys and Girls State graduates may apply). We are pleased to announce that John Mitchem of Sedgwick, Kansas, a 2008 Boys State graduate, was a winner of one of these \$20,000 scholarships.



What are Former Staters Saying About BSLA?

"I had an insanely awesome time..."

Zach, Chanute

"Boys State was one of the best experiences of my life."

Ethan, Manhattan

"Boys State not only taught me how to be open-minded politically, but socially as well."

Tim, Shawnee

"I overcame my fear of meeting new people..."

Brendan, Topeka

"Thank you for everything. I loved it here."

Conor, Hutchinson

"I am still in disbelief that so much was possible in one week."

Robert, Augusta

"...by coming here my leadership skills have developed so much..."

Leo, Ulysses

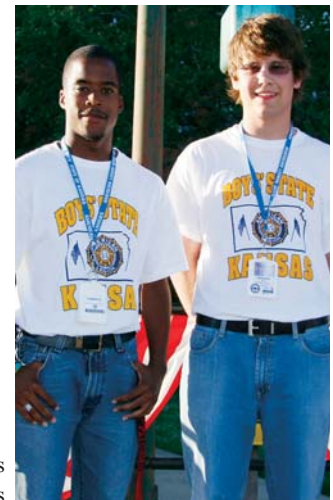
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The best teacher is often experience. Learning leadership in the classroom is often too theoretical. Boys State is a practical opportunity to learn leadership skills through a week-long role play civic exercise.

Colleges and universities recognize Boys State graduates as advanced and dedicated young men. For this reason the Boys State college fair attracts top tier schools who actively recruit Boys State participants.

Finally, Boys State is simply fun. Your son will form lasting friendships. The connections made with other Boys State graduates will last a lifetime, and just as with other fraternal networks, provide social and professional benefits for years to come.

After your son's application has been processed, you will receive links via e-mail to several online packet files. We will also mail you a complete packet of information that explains what to bring to the session, your son's elected and appointed offices and a schedule of day-to-day activities. Carefully studying this information will help your son benefit fully from his Boys State experience. We recommend you talk with previous delegates and visit our website at www.ksbstate.org, for a video and other information.



2008 Boys State Delegates
Marcus McNeal and Alex Jones