### Dear Future Sponsor,

American Legion Louisiana Boys State is a leadership development program sponsored by the Louisiana Department of the American Legion. Founded in 1940, Boys State maintains a reputation as the premiere leadership development program for young men in the state. Please allow this letter to serve as an introduction to the program and the sponsorship opportunities available to support it.



## Mission

The mission of Louisiana Boys State is to cultivate personal growth, civic involvement, and practical governance knowledge in participants to help build stronger, more well-informed, and influential leaders for our communities, our state, and our country.



## About the Program

Louisiana Boys State uses the "immersive educational experience" model to meet its twin goals — educating young men about local and state government and developing leadership skills through which they can influence their community, state, and nation. Participants (termed "Citizens") are provided a basic framework in which to operate and then given the opportunity to investigate the intricacies of elected office and civic leadership for themselves as they form their City, Parish, and State government.

Citizens learn about the political machinery of a state in large part by performing the same duties as elected or appointed officials in the everyday world. They organize their own local and state governments and choose their own officials in accordance with regular election procedures. The hands-on approach used at the program allows Citizens to experience for themselves the various issues faced by government officials as they work together. Whether a Parish Council is trying to develop the most effective method of economic redevelopment or members of the House of Representatives are debating new laws for Boys State, all effort and thought about the process originates with Citizens. The give-and-take of these activities allows Citizens to realize and unlock their leadership potential – often in ways they previously did not know existed.

Citizens also have the opportunity to interact with leaders from across the state including local and state government officials, business leaders, members of the media, and active service officers or officer cadets in the U.S. military. Speakers from a variety of backgrounds offer their own perspective on what leadership and public service mean and look like in the real world.

#### Sponsorship

Since 1940, Louisiana Boys State has been organized by the American Legion. In the 80 years since the program's founding, it has been supported by a variety of individuals, civic organizations, and businesses who join with the American Legion in supporting the development of our future leaders. If you are interested supporting the American Legion's goals of developing young men's leadership skills and teaching them about the structure and function of local and state government and the importance of active civic engagement, we would love to hear from you. On behalf of the American Legion, the participants of future programs, and all of those involved in putting on this program, thank you for your consideration.

### **Sponsorship Levels**

## Lead \$2500+

All benefits of Service, Leadership, Blue, and Gold levels
"Supported by" name listing in official program publicity materials
Invitation to closed-to-public program events including to hear guest speakers and Joint
Convocation

# Serve \$1000-\$2499

All benefits of Leadership, Blue, and Gold levels
Recognition at Louisiana Department of the American Legion's Midwinter Conference
Business or organization logo listing on the Louisiana Boys State website
Individual sponsorship signage at program

# Impact \$500-\$999

All benefits of Gold and Blue levels Business or organization logo listing on signage at the program Customized plaque to commemorate your charitable donation

# Gold \$250-\$499

All benefits of Blue level
Name listing on signage at the program
Framed certificate of appreciation

## Blue \$100-\$249

Name listing on the Louisiana Boys State Website Letter of appreciation

#### What does your donation support?

Here are some examples of what your donation will help support:

\$25 - Citizen supplies - the cost of two shirts, handbook, and academic supplies for a Citizen

\$75 – The cost of provided transportation to the program for a Citizen

\$125 – Cost of project supplies and supplemental materials for one academic area

\$250 – Cost of handbooks and written materials for 50 Citizens

\$500 – The cost of the program for a Citizen

\$500 – The cost of the program for one of our volunteer Counselors or Staff Members

## Other opportunities

If you are interested in sponsoring a specific program component such as guest speaker presentations, awards, or other opportunities, contact the Boys State Commission Chairman and Program Staff for additional information and to discuss additional opportunities.



# **Sponsorship Form**

Sponsor Name:	
Please mark the type of sponsor:  Business Organization Individual  Donation Amount:	Please mark desired sponsorship level: Lead Serve Impact Gold Blue
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Make all checks	ayable to: <b>Louisiana Boys State</b>
Please inform us of your sponsorship and contribution by returning this form and contribution amount to the American Leg State District Chairman in your area or ma Louisiana Boys State	Ito:
c/o The American Legion Post Office Box 3749 Baton Rouge, LA 70821	Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and You  @laboysstate
Donations must be received by June 1, 20, guarantee signage recognition at the 202 program. Donations after July 1 will be cognition as sponsorship for the following year's program.	sidered District Contact:
Thank you for your donation and support	of this

great program. Your contribution will help ensure

its continued success.