

UTAH BOYS STATE CLASS OF 2021

To begin, we, the staff and counselors of the Boys State program, sincerely regret that the continued environment of COVID-19 has caused the cancellation of an in-person session of our program. This year's class will be conducted entirely online. The core of the program is Weber State University's (WSU) online course, National American Government, a link will be provided. By completing this WSU course you will be awarded three semester hours of college credit. The other elements of the program will be accessed here, on this Boys State website where you will be able to review/listen to various modules (guest speakers). And, during June participate in elections for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and two State Senators. Note: **In order to graduate from Boys State 2021 you must participate in and complete all elements of the program.** Please review the following information and refer back to it frequently so that you don't inadvertently miss out.

NOTICE

The information provided here supersedes or over-rides conflicting dates, costs and other Boys State information that we may have inadvertently overlooked while updating topics located within the various tabs above, and/or the Weber State website.

ELIGIBILITY: You must be a high school junior, have at least one semester of eligibility remaining as a senior (fall of 2021) and carry a 2.0 GPA.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Every boy that completes a registration, pays applicable fees and completes the course requirements will be eligible for a Weber State University scholarship based on ACT & GPA. Students offered WSU scholarships will be notified by the University.

Samsung scholarship: See eligibility at: (<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>) To apply visit apps.weber.edu/boysstate/default.aspx under the scholarship tab. Deadline to complete your online application will be May 31, 2021. Mail a printed copy of your application to American Legion Utah Boys State, Attn: Academic Advisor, PO Box 187, Kaysville, UT 84037-0187.

Needs based scholarships: Visit apps.weber.edu/boysstate/default.aspx under the scholarship tab to learn the criteria and complete an online application. Deadline to complete your online application will be May 31, 2021. Mail a printed copy of your application to: American Legion Utah Boys State, Attn: Academic Adviser, PO Box 187, Kaysville, UT 84037-0187.

PROGRAM DATES: Registration for the class of 2021 will be available on March 1 and continue through May 15, 2021. Opening date to begin taking the course is June 1, 2021. On June 1st, there will be a Zoom meeting with all participants at 7:00 PM. General election date is June 18, 2021. Course completion (latest date) is July 31, 2021.

ELECTIONS: Each year at Boys State the class elects student leaders. This year we will limit elections to Governor, Lieutenant Governor and two State Senators. On the day of election (June 18) each class attendee will get three votes, one for Governor and two, (one each) for the State Senator seats. The student that receives the most votes for Governor will be elected to that seat, the student that receives the second most will be seated as Lieutenant Governor. The two students that receive the most votes for Senator will be seated as such. **Note** the four boys that successfully compete and are elected as student leaders are obligated to attend the week long Boys State class of 2022 held on the Weber State University campus during the 2nd week of June. Anyone interested in running for these offices should declare their candidacy by submitting a resume in writing to American Legion Utah Boys State, PO Box 187, Kaysville, UT 84037-0187. The resume should state your full name, identify the office you are running for, describe your qualifications, explain why you are the best person for the position and any other remarks/comments that will help your classmates make their decision. All qualifying resumes will be available for review on this website after June 1st. Successful candidates will be notified by email and the results will be posted on this website. In the event of a tie for any available seat, the Utah Boys State staff will cast a tie-breaking vote.

COSTS: \$150.00 paid to: American Legion Utah Boys State, PO Box 187, Kaysville, UT 84037-0187. Due with your registration package.

REGISTRATION: Click on the registration tab above, or go to apps.weber.edu/boysstate/default.aspx and click on register. Once you complete the registration, print it out, get parents, school counselor and student signatures and mail a printed copy together with \$150.00 to: American Legion Utah Boys State, PO Box 187, Kaysville, UT 84037-0187. Reminder, a link will be provided at a later date to access the WSU online course. **Note: It is critically important to provide a good email address on your application.** We will use this email address to alert you of any updates, additions and changes to the curriculum.

REFUNDS: Full refunds will be provided for any student electing to withdraw from the course up to June 6, 2021. There is no justification requirement, simply ask to be removed from the course. In order to receive a refund, a written notification / request, to withdraw must be provided, (with parent's signature) to: American Legion Utah Boys State, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 187, Kaysville, UT 84037-0187. Requests must have a post marked date of June 8, 2021 or earlier. Note: Funds will be returned, mailed by check to whomever provided them.

GRADUATION: Students that successfully complete the course will receive a graduation certificate, Utah Boys State T-shirt and Utah Boys State lapel pin. Expect these items to be mailed out to the address provided on your registration during early August 2021.

Refer to the FAQs tab above to find answers for many of your questions. If the answer isn't there, or is not clear, send us an email (contact tab) and we'll respond as quickly as possible.