



Utah Boys State

An American Legion Youth Program

January 22, 2021

Dear High School Scholarship Counselor;

The purpose of this letter is to announce the American Legion Utah Boys State class of 2021.

The American Legion created the Boys State program, as a nationwide endeavor for the purpose of offering a program intended to augment high school civics instruction. Since its inception in 1937 the Boys State program has become a premier summer youth education program.

It goes without saying that 2020 and indeed the beginning of 2021 has presented all Americans with a sense of uncertainty, anxiety & anxiousness. This uncertain environment gives us reason to pause, assess and try to understand the current state of our democracy. In this trying and uncertain environment we, the Boys State leaders and staff, remain committed to the American Legion values & principles, among these are "American Values & Patriotism", "Selfless Service" and "Advancing the Vision". In every challenge we face, we also find opportunity, please join with us in our goal of advancing civic education to the young men of your community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented turbulence in every facet of our lives and the same runs true with respect to our program, accordingly the class of 2021 will be conducted entirely online.

Eligibility: The program is open to high school boys having completed their junior year and who are eligible to attend at least one semester of their senior year, and carry a 2.0 GPA.

Registration and class dates: Registration will open on March 1, 2021 and will close on May 15, 2021.

Students should visit <https://utahboysstate.org> (Hands-on Democracy Government) to learn specific details of the program. Boys can begin the registration process at this website which is linked to the Weber State University registration portal where they will register as summer students.

Please encourage your students to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity. Printable flyers are available at our website and many questions can be answered at the FAQs tab.

Thank you for all that you do, sincerely;

Doug Case

President,

American Legion Utah Boys State