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**BOYS STATE**



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**GIRLS STATE**



**A week that shapes a lifetime.**

**SD Boys State, 27 May to 31 May**  
at NSU, Aberdeen, SD

**ALA SD Girls State, 27 May to 1 June**  
at USD, Vermillion, SD

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**Important Deadlines:**

Media Team Applications Due - February 1, 2019 Regular Session  
Applications Due - April 1, 2019

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# Are you up for the challenge?



# Get involved!



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American Legion Boys State is one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction in our nation. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of state governments, while imparting citizenship, leadership and character development through a non-partisan perspective. Boys State has been a program of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion since 1935.

City, county and state governments at Boys State are operated by officials duly elected and appointed to office by its "citizens." Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, program assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs.

Young men who have completed their junior year of high school and receive a recommendation from school officials are interviewed and selected by American Legion posts to attend Boys State. Costs are generally paid by a sponsoring American Legion post, local business or another community-based organization.

Two outstanding participants of each Boys State program are selected to attend American Legion Boys Nation in Washington D.C. Objectives are similar to Boys State, except the focus is the study of federal government.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a non-partisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the ALA Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works.

High school girls, who have completed their junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary-sponsored ALA Girls State programs in every state. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit, a local business or another community-based organization.

Citizens learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens. Two girls are selected from each ALA Girls State program to attend ALA Girls Nation, a national government training program. ALA Girls Nation "senators" meet for a week in Washington, D.C., where they run for political office, lobby for the passage of legislation and meet with U.S. Representatives and Senators. Capping off the week of ALA Girls Nation is oftentimes a meeting with the President of the United States at the White House.