

This Application must be used for 2026

AMERICAN LEGION GEM

BOYS STATE

REQUIRED SIGNATURE CHECKLIST

Delegate Parents
School Official Post Commander

APPLICATION FOR BOYS STATE

May 31 – June 5, 2026
GOWEN FIELD, BOISE, IDAHO

APPLICANT:

(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (DOB)

(Mailing Address) (City) (Zip Code)

(Delegate's E-Mail address) (Delegate Phone Number)

(Name of High School, Charter School or Home Schooled)

(Name of Parent or Guardian)

(Parent or Guardian E-Mail address) (Parent or Guardian Phone Number)

INCLUDE A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
IF IT WAS NOT UPLOADED IN THE ONLINE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF American Legion Gem Boys State. I have pledged to my school faculty, my parents (Guardian) and my American Legion Post Commander that I will abide by these rules and regulations. I am unmarried, I am a member of the Junior class at my High School. I will also provide a copy of my birth certificate with this application.

Signature of Boys State Applicant _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF American Legion Gem Boys State and have read the same to the applicant named herein. I hereby certify that my unmarried son (or ward) agrees to comply with these rules and regulations and have authorized his signature to this application. I further certify that I will be financially responsible in accordance with the law for any damage(s) that may be occasioned or participated in by my son (ward).

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

TO BE SIGNED BY RECOMMENDING SCHOOL OFFICIAL

I do hereby certify, that in my opinion, the foregoing unmarried applicant to the American Legion Gem Boys State is qualified for this honor and is currently a High School Junior. I personally recommend him.

His cumulative Grade Point Average _____

Signed by School Official _____ Date _____

Please address any question(s) to:

American Legion Gem Boys State,
901 W. Warren St., Boise, ID 83706-3825
(208) 342-7061

Attention Post Commander:

Please do not return this form to Department Headquarters unless it is completely filled out and signed by each person designated, or it will be returned to you.

TO BE SIGNED BY POST COMMANDER

1. I have read the rules and regulations of American Legion Gem Boys State.
2. The unmarried applicant named on this form has assured me that he has read the rules and regulations and that he will abide by them.
3. I have explained to this Boy that many people have spent time, trouble, and resources to the sponsoring American Legion Post, to conduct himself like a gentleman and to abide by the rules and regulations of Boys State.
4. I have also explained to this Boy that he has a responsibility to himself, his family, his school, his financial sponsor and to sponsoring American Legion Post, to conduct himself like a gentleman and to abide by the rules and regulations of Boys State.
5. This Boy understands he will be expected to honor the U.S. Flag and the National Anthem according to custom.
6. I will vouch for this Boy. And have seen a copy of his birth certificate, and it is attached,
7. The applicant may also be required to pay an application fee to the post.

Post Official Signature

Post Number

**Applications are due from American Legion Post by April 15, 2026.
Application and registration fees are Non-refundable after May 15th, 2026.**

AMERICAN LEGION GEM BOYS STATE APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

This form is recommended for students to prepare and submit to American Legion Posts to be interviewed for selection to attend Gem Boys State. This form may be duplicated as required.

AMERICAN LEGION GEM BOYS STATE INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE USED DURING THE INTERVIEW PROCESS

Please provide relevant information to the following:

LEADERSHIP _____

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (can include work experience) _____

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION _____

EXPERIENCE IN ORAL & WRITTEN EXPRESSION _____

PHYSICAL FITNESS & PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS _____

EDUCATION & CAREER GOALS _____

**DESCRIBE WHAT YOU CAN BEST CONTRIBUTE TO BOYS STATE
PROGRAM** _____

{Additional sheets can be added if necessary}

AMERICAN LEGION GEM BOYS STATE – GENERAL RULES

- 1. ABSENCE FROM BOYS STATE AREA** – Absence from the Boys State area (Gowen Field) will be allowed only by permission of the Board of Directors.
- 2. MEDICAL ATTENTION** – We will not be responsible for existing conditions. General sick call will be held daily. Every illness, particularly colds, fevers, and stomach disorders, must be reported at the first sick call possible. Sprains, cuts, scratches, blisters or any other injury, no matter how small, must be reported immediately to a Junior Counselor without waiting for sick call.
- 3. EQUIPMENT** – All equipment is either the property of The American Legion or Gowen Field, and it is here for your convenience. Care must be taken to preserve this property, since everything must be returned in first class condition. Any breakage must be reported to the Boys State Administration at once. The costs of damages will be the responsibility of the delegate, if found at fault.
- 4. CLEANLINESS** – Each citizen of Boys State will be responsible for the cleanliness of the space assigned to him. Beds are to be made each morning and Counselors will conduct daily inspection in each city. All trash and litter will be placed in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- 5. ASSEMBLY** – All Boys State delegates will stand in assembly, giving the civilian salute at the raising and lowering of the US Flag. Formations shall be by city, with a counselor in charge of each formation.
- 6. FIREARMS, LIQUOR, DRUGS, PORNOGRAPHY AND GAMBLING** – in any form will not be permitted at Gowen Field. (For safety precautions. firecrackers, torches and flares are included in the provision.) Possession **or use of the above shall be considered prima-facie evidence for dismissal.**
- 7. AUTOMOBILES** – Automobiles will not be used by delegates of Boys State during the period of the Boys State Session. Boys State attendees **will not** be allowed to drive their own vehicles to Boys State. If the attendees are not utilizing the transportation provided, they must arrange for their own transportation to and from Boys State. Riding in an unauthorized vehicle either in the Boys State area (Gowen Field) or outside is prohibited.
- 8. MAIL** - Mail will be distributed daily. All mail should be addressed to you, **c/o American Legion Gem Boys State, 901 W. Warren St., Boise, Idaho 83706-3825**
- 9. VISITORS** - Visitors will be received only by arrangement through The American Legion Boys State administration office at Gowen Field.
- 10. PERFORMANCE OF DUTY** – **Each delegate is expected to attend all meetings and execute assigned duties** to the best of his ability. Absence from scheduled meetings will not be permitted unless the delegate is ill or excused by a Member of the Board of Directors. Promptness is required at all meetings.
- 11. SMOKING** – **Smoking is not permitted.**

- 12. T-SHIRTS AND IDENTIFICATION BADGE IS OFFICIAL WEAR** – Boys State T-shirts and identification badges are the official wear at all Boys State gatherings. (2 T-shirts and 1 name badge will be furnished to each boy upon registering.)
- 13. SLACKS** – Slacks or pants other than jeans, (no holes or knee cut outs) full length, and shoes, will be the official wear at all gatherings in all places during the Boys State Session, No shorts of any kind, except in dormitories and recreation time.
- 14. HAIR** – Hair will be well groomed.
- 15. CARE OF BUILDINGS** – Gowen Field rules and regulations must be adhered to.
- 16. POST COMMENCEMENT MANNERS**; -Delegates of Boys State are expected to continue to act like gentlemen after commencement the last night of the session. Should any citizen of Boys State be apprehended breaking the rules after commencement, he will be subject to loss of his commencement certificate. Also, in such cases, the high schools and sponsors concerned, as well as the families and the American Legion Posts will be notified of such disciplinary action.
- 17. FULL WEEK ATTENDANCE REQUIRED** – Read your application carefully. When you apply to attend Boys State, you automatically agree that you will remain for the full session.
- 18. PERSONAL PROPERTY** – All Boys State delegates are responsible for their own personal property. Loss or damage to personal property is not the responsibility of Gem Boys State.
- 19. CELL PHONES** – Cell Phones may be brought to Boys State. We have additional phones in the Boys State office and all emergency contacts shall go through the Boys State Office.
- 20. LAPTOPS/TABLETS** – These items may be brought to Gem Boys State for instructional assistance. Gem Boys State is NOT responsible for lost and/or stolen items.
- 21. VIOLATION OF RULES** – Any Boys State delegate who violates the rules will be subject to disciplinary action, taken by the Board of Directors of Gem Boys State.