

**Want to attend Florida American Legion Boys or Girls State this summer?  
This read these instructions and fill in the Application Form!**

To be considered for Boys or Girls State you must schedule an interview with an American Legion Post serving your High School or area. Your Guidance Counselor may be in touch with the Post serving your High School.

In Marion County, the following high schools are served by these Posts:

**Post 27** - Forest, Vanguard, Trinity Catholic, Ocala Christian, St. John's Lutheran

**Post 284** - Belleview, Lake Weir, Westport, North Marion (Boys State Only)

**Post 58** - Dunnellon

\* Home schooled Juniors are also welcomed to apply at any nearby American Legion Post.

Selected applicants will be awarded an all-expense paid trip to Tallahassee. They will participate in events on the campus of Florida State University and in the chambers of the Florida Senate, House of Representatives and Supreme Court. They will most likely meet the Governor and other elected officials during their stay. For their safety, Delegates will be driven by Marion County Sheriff's Deputies to and from Tallahassee. In addition, they will be guarded and accompanied 24/7 by Several Florida State Troopers during their entire stay. All CDC health precautions will be observed.

To be eligible, delegates must have completed 11th grade by the end of this school year and have at least one full semester remaining in their senior year. Both Boys and Girls State are the premier youth leadership programs in Florida. This application will be used by the assigned Posts during your interview.

To be considered for a delegate position you must complete the following interview application and attach (or otherwise link) at least one recommendation letter from a teacher, guidance counselor, JROTC director, or school principal.

You may also attach your resume or additional pages for your responses.

Applicants must attend an interview with the selection committee scheduled on Saturday, January 23rd. Interviews will be held separately for each candidate and scheduled at 30-minute intervals. We will coordinate the time slots with you.

Because public speaking is important skill at Boys and Girls State, each candidate will make a 3 to 4-minute speech at this meeting. This speech will focus on why you would want to be a delegate to Boys or Girls State, and why you would be the best choice. speeches will be given at the Post meeting Tuesday evening on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. You and your parents/guardians are invited to join us for a meal at 6pm, the speeches will begin around 6:45pm for both Boys and Girls State Contestants

Final selection will be made at the Post where you applied. Dates and times will be provided by 284 and 58 Post later. You may bring 2 guests (parents or guardian) to this meeting to encourage you and to sign papers should you be chosen as a delegate.

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**INTERVIEW APPLICATION (complete & submit this page by January 20<sup>th</sup>)**

***Florida American Legion Boys State, June 20-26, 2021  
Florida American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, June 9-17, 2021***

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name [Called By] \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code (9-digit) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
P/G Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ P/G Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your un-weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)? \_\_\_\_\_ Your Weighted GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

1. List all of your leadership activities in your school and community along with positions you have held in each activity, e.g., Student government Officer, secretary of honor society, 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Trumpet, Soccer Team captain, Newspaper/Yearbook Staff, Boy Scout Patrol leader, VP of Church youth group, Sons of the American Legion, etc.:  
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2. List all community projects you have participated in at your school and community, e.g., built home for Habitat for Humanity, cleaned trash from roadway, provided music program at retirement center, community food drive, etc.:  
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3. What are your plans following high school graduation, i.e., college, work, military, etc.?  
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4. What one leadership trait do you have that qualifies you to be selected for Boys State?  
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5. If you were Governor of Florida for one day, what one thing you would do to improve the state:  
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**I CERTIFY that I am a Junior enrolled in a Florida High School, Homeschool, or Private School and that the above information is correct and, if selected, I will be able to attend the full week of Florida Boys State June 20-26, 2021 or Girls State, June 9-17.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian

