

SAVE THE DATE

Department Executive Committee Meeting



Date: February 22, 2020

Place: Harry B. Pryor Post 152,
123 E. Broadway Ashland, MO 65010

Time: 1:00 pm

Please note that The Department Oratorical Contest is schedule for Sunday February 23, 2020 at 1:30p.m. at the Southern Boone County High School 14520 S. Crump Lane, Ashland, MO 65010. Please plan to attend and support this American Legion Youth Program.

September 27, 2019

Greetings from Missouri Boys State.

"Missouri Boys State was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I truly believe that Boys State has changed the way I think about government, the world, and my own life." This sentiment is echoed by many students who have participated in The American Legion Boys State of Missouri. We are able to continue making this program available to outstanding students and perpetuate this level of personal growth because of donations from sponsors.

We greatly appreciate your previous generosity which afforded young men the opportunity to participate in the program. In order to continue to enable deserving young men to attend, we have established a 2020 session goal for both new sponsors, as well as renewing past supporters. We hope that you will be a part of the 100 donors that will help us meet our goal of allowing young leaders to attend Missouri Boys State, who otherwise will miss this extraordinary leadership opportunity.

The Program - The 81st session will be held June 13-20, 2020 on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Missouri Boys State is a unique leadership and citizenship program which is an investment in student leaders that ultimately contributes tenfold to our communities. Through a learn by doing method of instruction, the students enhance their leadership and citizenship skills, broaden their knowledge of government and politics, and develop their understanding of the rights and responsibilities as citizens. And they have fun while learning and preparing to be the next generation of leaders.

Our Goal - To provide approximately 1,000 young men the once in a lifetime experience to participate in this exceptional American Legion program which is recognized as one of the leading youth citizenship and leadership training programs in the nation.

How You Can Help - The 2020 program fee for the eight-day session is \$500 per student. We request your help by sponsoring one or more participants. While a full sponsorship is ideal, if you are unable to contribute the entire amount, please consider a partial sponsorship.

Submit a Donation - Online donations may be made on our website at www.moboyssstate.org/donate/. Checks should be made payable and mailed to The American Legion Boys State of Missouri, Inc., P.O. Box 667, Warrensburg, MO 64093. Donations may be submitted at any time but are requested by February 1, 2020.

Benefits to Participants - The enclosed material also provides an overview of the program and the benefits available to the participants, such as becoming eligible for scholarships and university credit, interacting and networking with outstanding professionals who serve as volunteers and mentors, and hearing from state and national-level speakers. Our website (www.moboyssstate.org) is an additional resource regarding the program.

We hope you will once again support a young man to attend this very worthwhile youth citizenship and leadership training program. Should you have questions or would like to request a presentation, please contact Bettie Rusher at our Headquarters (660.429.2761 or bettie.rusher@moboyssstate.org). We look forward to receiving your 2020 sponsorship.

Sincerely,



Matt Dameron
Director, The American Legion Boys State of Missouri, Inc.

Enclosure

The Program

The American Legion Boys State of Missouri program was established in 1938 and is a statewide leadership and citizenship training program specifically developed for high school juniors who have distinguished themselves as leaders in their school. The 81st session will be held June 13-20, 2020 with approximately 1,000 students participating.

During the 8-day program, the young men experience government through a "hands on learning" approach, enhance their leadership skills, and develop an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Using our democratic system as a basis, we equip the participants (Boys State citizens) to construct their own state utilizing the core values that hold true in our everyday lives. We teach the need for competition, the value of public office, and the strength of the individual voice and vote. By reinforcing these basic American ideals, we help to shape the future of our society.

Benefits to Participants

Missouri Boys State provides young men with a broad understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship and an appreciation for self-government. It is expected that each participant will take the ideas and knowledge he has gained and put them to use in his own high school and community.

Scholarships: Through full participation in and successful completion of the Missouri Boys State program, participants become eligible for over \$2,000,000 in college scholarships from over 30 colleges and universities; the Citizen of the Week Scholarship at \$10,000; several American Legion Scholarships totaling \$4,250; and the Samsung American Legion Scholarship (multiple national-level scholarships valued at \$10,000 and \$5,000 each).

University Credit: Each participant who successfully completes the program is also eligible for 2 or 3 hours of university credit in Political Science from the University of Central Missouri.

Speakers: During Boys State week, participants are involved in a wide variety of educational and recreational activities. Participants also hear inspirational talks from and ask questions of both state and national leaders. Speakers with expertise and knowledge in politics, education, business, military, and sports share their perspectives and engage with the participants.

Boys Nation: Two participants are chosen to attend Boys Nation held in Washington D.C. during July.

Qualifications and Nomination Process

Each candidate for Missouri Boys State must meet the eligibility guidelines and be nominated by his high school.

Only eligible young men who exhibit high standards of leadership, character, scholarship, and citizenship are considered for participation in Missouri Boys State.

Why Sponsor

Students and their families are not allowed to pay the program fee to participate. This ensures all eligible students who are nominated by their high school have the opportunity to attend regardless of their financial background. Therefore, a sponsor must be located for each participant.

While the American Legion Posts provide financial support, their membership has declined and now nearly 70% of sponsorship dollars must come from community-minded organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Receiving sponsorship contributions from other organizations, clubs, businesses, and individuals are essential to the continued success of the program.

Types of Sponsors

Sponsor a student - the \$500 per participant program fee includes all educational materials, meals, and lodging for the 8-day program.

Sponsor a program activity - donations may be directed to underwrite portions of our program (e.g., printing the daily newspaper - *The Record* and the annual yearbook - *A Week to Shape a Lifetime*; providing in-kind donations of supplies, computers, printers).

Sponsor a speaker - contributions may be designated to fund an evening program and speaker.

How to Make a Donation

Make check made payable to The American Legion Boys State of Missouri, Inc. and provide to the local American Legion Post or District Chair or mail to Missouri Boys State Headquarters, P.O. Box 667, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Credit card payments can be made on our website (moboysstate.org/donate/). The Comments Section should be used to indicate the preferred use of the donation.

Tax Information

The American Legion Boys State of Missouri, Inc. is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since no goods or services are rendered in return, most contributions are fully tax deductible. Check with your tax consultant for more information.

For More Information

Contact the Missouri Boys State Headquarters at 660.429.2761, email Bettie Rusher at bettie.rusher@moboysstate.org, or visit our website at www.moboysstate.org. We are available to respond to questions and/or schedule a personal visit or presentation.



THE NATIONAL
WWI MUSEUM
AND MEMORIAL

The American Legion,
Department of Missouri



PRESENTS THE WALK OF HONOR BRICK PROGRAM

The American Legion has been involved with The National WWI Museum and Memorial, then known as The Liberty Memorial, since the first fundraising drive to construct the monument in 1919. Let's stay the course!



1 Nov 1921 Library of Congress

The above picture was taken at our Third National Convention, held in Kansas City MO. in 1921. Five allied commanders attended the convention and stood with Vice President Coolidge and National Commander of The American Legion John G. Emery on the reviewing stand for the parade, and then at the memorial site dedication where Commander Emery declared that *"the flame of inspiration that will shine forth from the summit of this monument will be but the representation of the fire of patriotism and love of country which burned in every loyal American heart during the war when our heroes were giving their strength and lives that liberty might prevail"*.



COMMANDERS OF THE BERGENIE STAND.



You can stand with our founders and support the museum and memorial in their mission, in part; *Maintaining the Liberty Memorial as a beacon of freedom and a symbol of the courage, patriotism, sacrifice, and honor of all who served in World War I.* How wonderfully that mission falls into our own, "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars"!

All bricks purchased through the program are placed together on the eastern walkway to the Memorial until all spaces are sold out. Use the Department order form to purchase your Memorial Brick and show your support today.

Orders received by Mar. 15th will be honored in the Memorial Day Ceremony, by Aug. 15th, the Veterans Day Ceremony.



**THE NATIONAL
WWI MUSEUM
AND MEMORIAL**

**The American Legion,
Department of Missouri**



WALK OF HONOR BRICK ORDER FORM

This brick is being purchased for The American Legion, Department of Missouri's Memorial Brick Program, in support of The National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City MO.

I am purchasing the following size brick:

- \$200, 4" x 8" brick, maximum of 3 lines of inscription
 \$400, 8" x 8" brick, maximum of 4 lines of inscription
 \$1,000, 16" x 16" brick, maximum of 6 lines of inscription

Each stone has a maximum of 15 characters per line (letters, numbers, spaces and punctuation)
 Please inscribe the brick with the following:

Up to 3 lines for 4" x 8" brick

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Up to 4 lines for 8" x 8" brick

Up to 6 lines for 16" x 16" brick

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _ Zip Code: _ Telephone: () _

Email: _____

- I will mail in a check with a copy of this form
 Please charge my credit card in the amount of _ . (MC, VISA, American Express, Discover) Credit Card
 Number: _ Expiration: _ CVV: _

Orders received by Mar. 15th will be honored in the Memorial Day Ceremony, and by Aug. 15th, the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Checks: Make checks payable to American Legion Dept. of Missouri, and mail to the same at PO Box 179, Jefferson City MO 65102

Phone: 800-846-9023 or 573-893-2980 Fax: 573-893-2980 or email: services@missourilegion.org

50th Anniversary
51st Class
of the
Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy



June 7th through June 12th, 2020
Conducted at the Missouri Highway Patrol
Law Enforcement Academy
Jefferson City, Missouri
Sponsored by The American Legion
And
the Missouri Highway Patrol



Application can be found on the Department website
www.missourilegion.org deadline for application March 1, 2020

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ANNOUNCING 2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Basic Criteria for Scholarship Awards

The student must be a resident of Missouri. Applicants must be under the age of 21, unmarried and a descendant* of a veteran with at least ninety days active service in the U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, who received an Honorable Discharge for such service. A photocopy of the veteran's DD 214, discharge or separation notice must accompany the scholarship application. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are on the reverse side of the application.

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund - Two awards of \$1,000 each are given each year. One to a boy who has attended a full session of The American Legion Boys State of Missouri or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy. The second award is given to a girl who has attended a full session of The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy.

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Fund - Currently one \$1,000 award is given for two successive semesters, and may, by application, be extended for two additional successive semesters. This award is available to a Missouri boy or girl training to be a Registered Nurse, and may be used in their freshman or subsequent college years. The student must have graduated in the top forty percent of their high school class or have a "C" or equivalent standing from their last college or university semester. Scholarships are awarded for one year, payable \$375 per semester.

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship – Five awards of \$750.00 are given annually to individuals who are descendants of a veteran. Applicant must have attended a full session of The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, a current resident of the state of Missouri and must use the scholarship as a full time student in an accredited college or university.

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Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - Two awards of \$750.00 are given annually in memory of the first Missourian to serve as National Commander of The American Legion. Eligible are individuals who are currently members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, or a descendant* of a member of any thereof. Applicants must be unmarried, a resident of Missouri, under the age of 21, and must use the scholarship as a full-time student in an accredited college or university and.

Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship - Two \$750.00 awards are given annually to a student planning on obtaining a degree in education, in honor of this Past National Executive Committeeman from Missouri. To be eligible, individuals must: (1) be a descendant* of a veteran who served 90 or more days of active duty in the armed forces and having an honorable discharge; (2) be a Missouri resident; (3) use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university; (4) provide a copy of the discharge certificate for the veteran on whose the application is made; and (6) submit an essay of 500 words or less on the subject **In your opinion, what was the most significant world event of this past year?**

Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship - One \$750.00 award will be awarded, annually. (1) Each school in the State of Missouri may nominate **one** student to be considered for the award. (2) The nominee will be selected on athletic, scholastic and leadership abilities. The nominee should be deeply involved in community and school activities. (4) Must use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

Direct all questions concerning scholarships to:
Mr. John Buckwalter, Chair
Education and Scholarship Committee
(660) 627-4713

Completed applications should be mailed no later than April 20, 2020 to:
The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.
Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179

***ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS ***

Scholarship applications
may be reproduced as necessary. Copies of the scholarship applications may also
be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

Some applications require a counselor's statement be attached.

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2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

HOUSING REQUEST

July 8-12, 2020

HOUSING/HOSPITALITY/CAUCUS ROOM & VENDOR TABLE REQUEST

**Hilton St. Louis Airport
10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis MO 63134
314-426-5500**

Make reservations directly with the hotel, using a credit card for confirmation be sure to mention you are with The American Legion. Or you can go to the Department website click on the Department Convention Housing Registration to book your room.

****CUTOFF DATE FOR ALL HOUSING RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 17, 2020**
(Group room rates is not guaranteed after the cutoff date)**

Cost per night is \$90.00 (plus Sales and Lodging tax)

Check in time 3:00 p.m. No exceptions

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HOSPITALITY ROOM REQUEST

*** All Hospitality Rooms will be reserved through the Department Adjutant*
Please contact Department Adjutant for prices.**
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DISTRICT CAUCUS ROOMS

Will be assigned by Department Adjutant at Convention
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Table Request for Vendors, Post and Auxiliary

**All table requests will be reserved through Department Headquarters.
Please call Theresa Boss to make your request 573-893-2353
Deadline for table request: *June 17, 2020***

DEPARTMENT COMMISSION / COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

If you need a room for meetings during the Convention in July, you need to contact the Department Adjutant **NO LATER THAN June 1, 2020. Nothing is automatic. Thank you.**

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Category I -- Legionnaire to recruit **3 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will be announced during General Session and receive the Department Commander Membership Pin

Category II -- Legionnaire to recruit **5 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Certificate and Department Commander Membership Pin.

Category III -- Legionnaire to recruit **10 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Plaque and Department Commander Membership Pin.

Category IV -- Legionnaire to recruit **25 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Plaque and Department Commander Membership Pin.

Category V -- Legionnaire to recruit **50 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Plaque and Department Commander Membership Pin.

Legion Post -- The Post with the highest percentage of its **2020** membership goal will be awarded \$100.00. Membership must be received at Department Headquarters by **July 1, 2020. (Postmarked not honored)**

Auxiliary Members -- Any Auxiliary member to recruit **2 New Legion Members** for **2020** by **May 10, 2020** will receive the Department Commander Membership Pin. The Auxiliary member who recruits the most Legion Members will receive a certificate of recognition.

Recruiters Name should only be submitted once. This form should not be submitted to Department Headquarters before April 10, 2020 to ensure proper credit is given to the recruiter. New Members names will be verified at Department. This form must be returned to Department no later than May 10, 2020.

Recruiters Name _____		Post No. _____	
New Members Names:	Post No.	New Members Names:	Post No.
1 _____		2 _____	
3 _____		4 _____	
5 _____		6 _____	
7 _____		8 _____	
9 _____		10 _____	



ANNOUNCING!!!!

DISTINGUISHED LEGIONNAIRE AWARD

Deadline Feb. 8, 2020

Eligibility: Living members of The American Legion Department of Missouri, who have rendered and continue to render outstanding and even sacrificial service to The American Legion and its programs for "God and Country." No Past Department Commander, Past National Executive Committeeman or Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be eligible for the award.

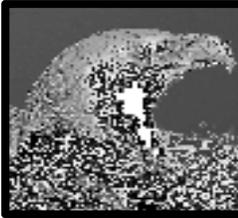
Source of Nominations: Nominations may come only from Districts of the Department of Missouri. Nominations must be approved by Districts action. Each District may submit no more than one nomination annually.

Method for Nomination to be written: They should state the branch of service and period during which the nominee served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The nomination must give, in detail, the history of service the nominee has rendered to The American Legion on the Post, District, and Department levels, giving dates of such service.

Nomination should be accompanied with other supporting material.

Deadline for Nomination: Nominations must be received at The American Legion Department of Missouri Headquarters by February 8, 2020.

Post Awards: No award will be made posthumously unless death occurs after nomination of Legionnaire has been received at Department Headquarters.



The American Legion

Eagle Scout of the Year

NOMINATION FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Age: _____

Telephone number: () _____

E-mail: _____

Is your Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron? _____

If YES, please complete the following:

(Post/Unit/Squadron Number)

(Street)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

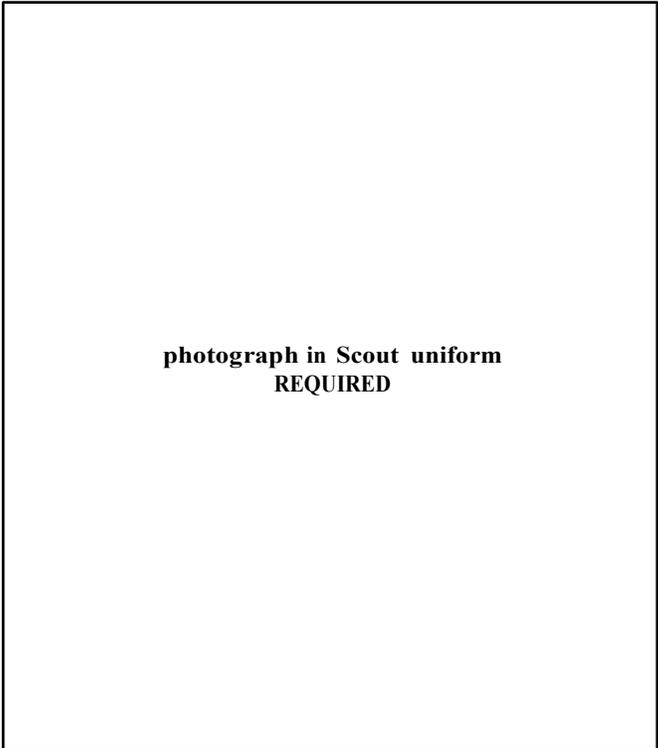
Are you the Scout of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary member?

_____ If yes, please complete the following:

(Name of Member)

(Relationship) (Membership No.)

APPLICANTS: DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. SUBMIT TO YOUR AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT (STATE) HEADQUARTERS.



**photograph in Scout uniform
REQUIRED**

Eligibility Requirements

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- Be a registered, active member of a Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron.

OR

- Be a registered, active member of a chartered Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the scout of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Be an active member of their religious institution and must have received the appropriate Scouts BSA religious emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community.
- Have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Reside in the department (state) to which they applies.

Note: Eagle Scouts still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.



The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year



NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the nomination application will be selected as the 2020 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Commission.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will join the youth champion delegation and participate in the 102nd annual National Convention in Indianapolis, Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 2020.

Scholarships

The American Legion provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected "The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year."

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student provided it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case the student can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester or quarter. **Only one request will be honored per semester or quarter.**

DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Applicant should type or print all information.

Section A – High School Record

Note: Please attach a copy of your official high school transcript.

Grade: _____ Name of high school: _____

Grade point average: _____ In upper _____% of class. Number in class: _____

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list activities participated in during high school and also list awards, honors and recognition received.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment A if more than one page is submitted.

Section B – Scouting Record

Note: This section will be reviewed closely by the selection committee.

	Years	Unit No.	Sponsor
Cub Scout	_____	_____	_____
Scouts BSA	_____	_____	_____
Varsity Scout	_____	_____	_____
Venturing Crew	_____	_____	_____
Eagle Award Received:	_____	Palms:	_____

Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

On **two additional pages (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** (1) List leadership positions held in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and/or Venturing Crew; (2) List other Scouting activities you may have participated in (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc.).

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B if more than two pages are submitted.

Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

On **two additional pages (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** succinctly describe your Eagle Scout Project.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B1 if more than two pages are submitted.

Section C – Community Participation Record

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list community organizations in which you have held membership **excluding high school and Scouting**. Additionally, list other activities that you were involved with that directly or indirectly improved life in your community.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment C if more than one page is submitted.

Section D – Religious Award

Denomination: _____ Name of Religious Institution: _____

Name of Scouts BSA Religious Emblem (Award) Received: _____

– (cannot be Cub Scout Religious Emblem)

Month and Year Received: _____

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list religious youth organizations, clubs, groups that you have been involved in, to include honors awarded and offices held.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment D if more than one page is submitted.

Section E – Career Interests

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** describe your career interests and/or goals. The selection committee realizes that in many cases, applicants will not have decided on career goals; however, complete this section to the best of your ability.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment E if more than one page is submitted.

Section F – Letters of Recommendation and Testimony

One letter each from your **religious institution, school, your community and Scouting must be included**. Two additional letters of recommendation and testimony may also be included. Please keep in mind that the letters of recommendation are an important part of this application and will be carefully reviewed by the screening committee.

Note: The screening committee will only consider the four required letters and the two additional letters of recommendation of Attachment F if more than the six required letters of recommendation are submitted. Letters of recommendation will be limited to one page.

Authorization

CERTIFICATION BY EAGLE SCOUT

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will be free to travel to The American Legion National Convention and participate as a member of the youth champion delegation, representing The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America.

SIGNATURE OF EAGLE SCOUT: _____ DATE: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

We hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to our scout's age and grade in school is correct. We are willing and desirous that they become The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, we hereby voluntarily waive any, and all, claims against The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America totally and all representatives thereof.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

Authorization (continued)

SCOUT UNIT LEADER

The above-named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America and has our recommendation.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT UNIT LEADER: _____ DATE: _____

AMERICAN LEGION SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/SCOUT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE: _____

Selection Process

DEPARTMENT

- **Nominations must be received by department headquarters no later than March 1, 2020.**
- The application judged best in the department and a list of the members of the Department Selection Committee should be sent to: Assistant Director, Americanism Division, Attention: Eagle Scout of the Year, The American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.
- For additional information, applicants should contact their department headquarters.

NATIONAL

- **Nominations must be received by national headquarters no later than April 1, 2020.**
- The National Americanism Commission's Youth Activities Subcommittee will review all department nominations, and, in their judgment, select The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST

The selection will be announced in the National Americanism Commission Report to the National Executive Committee during The American Legion's 2020 Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, May 4-7.

American Legion department (state) contact information is online:
 www.legion.org/departments



The American Legion

P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
(317) 630-1204
scouting@legion.org
 www.legion.org

Follow The American Legion online:

 www.legion.org/facebook
 twitter.com/AmericanLegion

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award program for 2020 is currently taking applications from qualified Eagle Scouts.

To qualify as a nominee, the prospective Eagle Scout must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be a registered, active member of a Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or a Sons of The American Legion squadron or be a registered, active member of a Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew and be the son or daughter of an active Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member.
- (2) Received the Eagle Scout award.
- (3) Receive a BSA religious emblem, regardless of which youth grade level earned.
- (4) Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community.
- (5) Have reached their 15th birthday, and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- (6) Reside in the Department (state) to which they apply.

NOTE: Eagle Scouts still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

The American Legion provides an \$10,000 college scholarship to the winner of their Eagle Scout program and three \$2,500 scholarship awards at the national level. **The Department of Missouri provides a \$750 scholarship to their selectee for the national competition.**

Applications may be obtained now from your local Scouts BSA Council or from your local American Legion Post.

If you feel you have a qualified applicant, have them complete an application and send it to the following address **no later than *March 1, 2020***:

Boy Scout Committee
American Legion Department of Missouri
Post Office Box 179
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 - 0179

**The American Legion
Department of Missouri
Nomination Form**

Check one:

- Career Fire Fighter
- Volunteer Fire Fighter
- Career EMT
- Volunteer EMT

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Age: _____ Marital Status: _____ Spouse: _____

Nominating Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Agency Director: _____ Supervisor: _____

Sponsoring American Legion Post: _____

County: _____ District: _____

Commander: _____ Commander's Signature: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Total Number of Packages Included: _____

Failure to use this form may result in the Disqualification of your Nominee. It should be placed immediately after the cover sheet and in front of the supporting documents. Include certification as a career Fire Fighter or EMT and / or Volunteer Fire Fighter or EMT. The Fire Fighter/EMT that is selected as the winner will be requested to forward an official 5" X 7" photograph of the Candidate mounted on a standard 8 ½" x 11" sheet of bond paper with Name and Rank below the picture. The original copy of the entire nomination package must be submitted no later than the close of business, February 10, 2020.

**Mail Package to:
Kenny Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(660) 351-2184**

6. List any honors or awards for outstanding work.

7. If this nominee is declared the winner, will he or she appear at our Department convention? Yes___ No___

8. Has the nominee's superior been informed of this recommendation? Yes ___ No ___

Please attach hereto a letter of recommendation from the nominee's superior.

9. If additional space is needed for further comments on anything pertaining to this nomination use the remaining space or attach additional sheets with comments.

Deadline February 6, 2020

Mail to: Kenny Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
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(Post Commander)

(Post Adjutant)



33rd Annual
**Missouri State Youth
Government Day**



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April 14, 2020

*An Americanism Activity
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District commanders/Chairman should submit their list and luncheon money to Department Headquarters no later than March 25, 2020, to meet deadlines for preparing necessary packets and luncheon arrangements.

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. — REGISTRATION
Roscoe Enloe Post 5

9:45 a.m. — Tour Missouri Senate
*If there is time left after the Senate
tour, you are welcome to tour the
Missouri State Capital.*

12:00 p.m. — LUNCHEON
Roscoe Enloe Post 5
Guest Speaker

2:30 p.m. — SUPREME COURT VISIT
207 West High Street

33rd Annual
**Missouri State
Youth Government Day**



*Thank you for participating in
this memorable day.*

*Wishing you success in all your
future endeavors and a safe
trip home.*

*~The American Legion
State Youth Government Committee*



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In Memoriam

The State Youth Government Day Program is a result of the efforts of the late Lawrence F. Bonderer, Past Commander of Vern R. Glick Post 25, The American Legion, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Commander Bonderer's tragic death occurred just days before the first State Youth Government Day held in April 1988. In appreciative memory, a Resolution was unanimously adopted during the 1988 Department Convention naming the program for him.



Purpose

Our purpose is to provide Missouri youth with the opportunity to witness their state government in action. Never in the history of the world has there been a greater need for highly educated and involved students of Democracy than now. With this in mind, The American Legion is providing a forum allowing young adults to participate in the governmental process with officials of the three branches of government. The heritage of freedom, liberty, and justice gained through the sacrifices of our forefathers cannot be lost nor taken for granted through complacency. We, the people, must make every effort to insure understanding and dedication to these principles.



We hope that the young men and women who participate in State Youth Government Day will witness the professionalism and dedication of our government officials in action and will have their pride in America strengthened.

The American Legion's State Government Day should not detract from any other organization's Government Day, but should be an additive so increased youth involvement will result. Organizations wishing to participate should contact their local American Legion Post.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION
STATE YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY

CHAPERONE REGISTRATION

(Submit to District Commander/Chairman by March 15, 2020)

DISTRICT	DISTRICT COMMANDER / CHAIRMAN NAME		
E-MAIL ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER	<input type="radio"/> HOME <input type="radio"/> CELL

NAME	TITLE <small>i.e. Commander, Member, President, Teacher</small>	POST / SQUAD / UNIT / SCHOOL	CELL PHONE <small>Important for Dept. Staff</small>
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING			
LUNCHEON BUFFET @ ROSCOE ENLOE POST 5 \$8.00/PERSON		<input type="radio"/> Payment Enclosed	TOTAL AMOUNT



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STATE YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY

TEACHER / STUDENT REGISTRATON

(Submit to District Commander/Chairman by March 15, 2020)

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To: All Missouri High Schools
From: The Department of Missouri American Legion
Subject: Missouri State Youth Government Day

It is time to begin planning of our 33rd Annual Missouri State Youth Government Day, conducted at the Missouri State Capitol and the American Legion Roscoe Enloe Post 5. The 2019 State Youth Government Day will be held on **April 14, 2020**.

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LEGION Act

The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

Here are answers to 11 key questions about the new law and what it means for The American Legion.

Question: *How does this change the eligibility requirements for The American Legion?*

Answer: The only change is that Congress has reduced the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941, and continuing. No other restrictions are changed.

Question: *What's the impact on veterans who previously were not eligible for American Legion membership?*

Answer: Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into the previous defined war eras may now join The American Legion immediately. To do so, eligible members may sign up at www.legion.org/join.

Question: *I am among the veterans who were not allowed to join previously, so why do you want me now?*

Answer: The American Legion's founding fathers believed, "a veteran is a veteran," an axiom that has held true throughout the organization's more than century of service. Some veterans were ineligible to join because of the war eras that were defined by Congress. The recent bill passage and president's signature changed that.

Question: *So how does this differentiate The American Legion from AMVETS?*

Answer: The American Legion's eligibility criteria states that veterans must have served during "wartime." When Congress decides the U.S. is no longer in a state of war, the Legion's membership eligibility period will close, while AMVETS will still be open to those who served.

Question: *How does this affect the Sons of The American Legion (SAL)?*

Answer: The Sons' eligibility criteria will change along with that of The American Legion. Any son or grandson of a living American Legion member will be able to join the SAL program. (Sons and grandsons of deceased veterans are also eligible.) For example, a son of a veteran who served between 1985 and 1988 previously would not

have been eligible. With the extension of the war period, that veteran would immediately be eligible for The American Legion and the son would be able to join the SAL.

Question: *How does this affect the eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary?*

Answer: This follows the same concept as the SAL, as noted previously. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans.

Question: *How does this affect membership for departments, districts and posts?*

Answer: This change opens up American Legion membership to thousands more veterans who likely live in your communities. They may become members immediately.

Question: *The current membership applications don't address the eligibility change. How do we process those members?*

Answer: [New membership materials](#) will be developed and provided as quickly as possible. Until then, it is recommended that prospective members from a previously undocumented war era write "Other Conflicts" in the eligibility date section and send it in to their department with the appropriate dues.

Question: *What steps should departments, districts and posts focus on?*

Answer: A good first step would be to review all recruiting materials to look for eligibility dates. Information on electronic media (websites, social media channels, etc.) should be changed immediately. It is up to departments to decide on the best way to handle printed materials, while updated ones are being produced.

Question: *How does this change the Paid Up For Life program?*

Answer: There are no changes to the PUFL program, though the newly eligible members would be able to become PUFLs. To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.legion.org/PUFL>

Question: *Who can I contact for more information about this change as it applies to membership and recruiting?*

Answer: Contact the national Membership Division. Visit this web page to find the representative in your state. <https://www.legion.org/membership/contactus>



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2019-20 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

TO: Post Adjutants (For Post Oratorical Chair)

This letter inaugurates the 86th Annual High School Oratorical Contest. For more than seven decades, Legionnaires of Missouri have unselfishly worked to help boys and girls become better citizens. Certainly, it is a record in which we can all take pride.

To accomplish our goal, we cannot merely wish for results. It takes hard work by the Post Chair. The Post Chair is the key to the Oratorical Program, which can be no better than the number of schools and students enrolled by them.

Post Chair must contact their schools immediately. The minute that high schools receive our materials is when contestants need to begin to prepare for this program.

Contact your schools. Briefly explain the program, its purpose, and what it does for the students. Encourage the school to enroll its entire speech or social studies class, but if the school can enroll only one student, that is fine. Tell the school the name and address of the County Oratorical Chair, available from your District Chairman. Next, find out what supplies are needed for your schools and order them from Department Headquarters.

The attached "Checklist" will help insure you have all needed materials.

Please use only the material received this year, as outdated materials can cause embarrassment.

Thank you for making the Oratorical program successful. Call or write if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. ***Oratorical information is now available at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>***

Post Excellence Award

The American Legion's Post Excellence Award has added new criteria. To qualify for the Post Excellence Award, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), attaining a 90 percent renewal rate and community activity.

The purposes of this award is membership growth, exposure of American Legion values to the youth of the community, and increased visibility of the American Legion Family through service projects. A post achieving this qualification will have had numerous post members involved in planning and achieving these goals. Many posts are most likely already active in these areas and will qualify without extra effort. Others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas to qualify for the award.

The standard to be achieved in each area is as follows:

Membership: Post must attain at least 103 percent of their membership goal. At least one post officer attends district meetings.

Consolidated Post Report: CPRs must be submitted by July 1. The American Legion's federal charter requires the submission of an annual report to Congress on activities for the year. MyLegion.org has made it simple for a post to submit its CPR in a timely manner.

90% Renewal Rate: The post must renew at least 90 percent of their members that were on the 2019 roster.

Community Activity: The post must conduct an event that connects the local community with The American Legion post. The objective is to open your doors, welcome the community in, and educate them on what The American Legion is all about and how the post is an asset to the community. Posts do not need to have a physical building to accomplish this. This activity can be held in a park, a community center, or anywhere the post can welcome and interact with the local community.

The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The district commander will submit a list of posts meeting the criteria to department headquarters. That list should include the post name, phone number, address and commander's name. If possible, accompany the last two criteria with copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects to show that the projects were not only accomplished but that an attempt was made to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. The copy submitted should include a date and time stamp showing receipt by the media outlet.

The department adjutant will transmit information as posts qualify to:

The American Legion National Headquarters
Attn: Membership

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