



American Legion Department of Pennsylvania
Keystone Boys State
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Dear Member of the Pennsylvania Education Community,

The Pennsylvania American Legion presents for the participation of young men in the 2013-2014 Junior Class the 2014 session of AMERICAN LEGION KEYSTONE BOYS STATE. Keystone Boys State (KBS) is a comprehensive and interactive program that is held annually. It is a "Hands On" workshop in the principles and organization of Pennsylvania Government. Young men attending Boys State learn about the Commonwealth's government by operating the agencies and levels of a mythical form of government; the "51st" State. The KBS program has been conducted continuously since 1937.

KBS is a one-week program that shapes a lifetime. Leadership learned from observing and exercising those fledgling skills is one of the most cherished of several benefits received by these young men in this study of democratic government. Prominent Americans, including Neil Armstrong, Bill Clinton, Dick Cheney, Tom Brokaw, Nick Saban and Michael Jordan all point to their Boys State experience as one that inspired and prepared them for the challenges of life.

The 2014 Session of KBS will be held JUNE 22-28, 2014 on the campus of Shippensburg University. Applications must be processed by June 1, 2014. Additional information, to include applications and instructions, may be found at www.keystoneboysstate.com, www.boysandgirlsstate.org or <http://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/keystone-boys-state/>

Additionally, students who attend KBS may compete for scholarships, obtain college credits, and some may compete for Samsung Scholarships of \$10,000 per year. For students who hope to attend college or a service academy after High School, Boys State is used by many of those institutions in their selection process.

The Legion Community of Pennsylvania hopes that you, the educators of our young, will bring this program to the attention of those students you believe are our country's future and recommend their attendance. Your local American Legion will fund the tuition of the program. If no Legion Post is located in your area, please contact us. We are growing and applications are on a first come first in attendance.

If you have questions, please be sure to contact either our Program Director, Darren Fossett at darren.fossett@gmail.com, Sharon Delancey at 717-730-9100, or me at billshade056@gmail.com and/or 717-357-4645.

Thank you for your efforts to educate our young,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William L. Shade".

William L. "Bill" Shade
Camp Director, Keystone Boys State