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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS EVERGREEN BOYS / GIRLS STATE

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 session of Evergreen Boys State and Evergreen Girls State. This is a national program of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary to promote hands-on learning of the U.S. democratic form of government.

Students ending their junior year of high school in 2016 are eligible to attend this week-long simulation after being selected, and funded, by local American Legion / Auxiliary Posts.

During the week, the citizens will be assigned to a fictitious city, county and political party in the state of "Evergreen." They will attend classes, hold meetings, and establish their own government at the city, county, and state levels. Attendees also have the opportunity to earn several different scholarships, and earn up to four college credits just by participating.

Evergreen Boys State will be held at the Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood, Washington, from 19-25 June 2016. For details and application, see: www.evergreenboysstate.org.

Evergreen Girls State will be held at Central Washington University in Ellensburg from 12-18 June 2016. For details and application, see: www.walegion-aux.org/girlsstate.html.

Both Boys State and Girls State offers a fun, hands-on learning experience where you can meet new people and make life-long friends. You'll have the opportunity to meet elected officials and challenge yourself to learn and grow in ways you never knew possible. It's one of the most respected youth programs in the country, and this is your once-in-a-lifetime chance to participate. Apply today to begin your journey. It's also a great way to start building your resume. Each session is limited to 300 participants. First come, first served.

The Boys State program began in Illinois in 1935. The Girls State program began much later. However, both are now held in every state, every summer. The list of alums is long and distinguished

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