

**“It was a
life-changing
experience!”**

*It created a brotherhood that
I’ll forever hold dear.”*

– 2022 Arkansas Boys State Delegate



Arkansas Boys State is an immersive leadership and leadership experience designed for high school juniors.

During their week at Arkansas Boys State, students — referred to as delegates — are assigned a political party, city, and county. Throughout the week, delegates build and operate a mock government from the ground up, as if it were real:

- run for office
- draft and pass legislation
- solve municipal challenges
- engage constituents

By the week’s end, the delegates have experienced civic responsibility and engagement firsthand while making life-long memories and friends — all with the guiding principle that **“Democracy Depends on Me.”**



WHAT DELEGATES SAY

“One of the best summer experiences of my youth. It was enriching to be among a **diverse group of critically conscious young men** — many of whom I interact with today and who are making a positive difference in their communities.”

– 1997 Arkansas Boys State Delegate

“Arkansas Boys State changed my life for the better. The **connections, resources, wisdom, and knowledge** I gained during that week will go down in my history book.”

– 2019 Arkansas Boys State Delegate

“I attended Boys State in 1972 and it is still **one of those incredible gifts that keeps on giving.**”

– 1972 Arkansas Boys State Delegate

WHAT DELEGATES LEARN

By the end of their week at Arkansas Boys State, delegates will have strengthened their ability to:



Think critically about their views & communicate those views more effectively



Participate in American civic, social, commercial, & political institutions as lifelong leaders & engaged citizens



Lead others, particularly in the pursuit of the common or collective good



Build relationships with those of different worldviews

When:
May 26 – 31, 2024

Where:
University of Central Arkansas

Who:
Male High School Juniors

FACTS FOR SCHOOLS

- Schools are recommended to send 10% of their male high school junior population.
- Schools should nominate students who demonstrate outstanding qualities of:
 - leadership
 - character
 - scholarship
 - loyalty
 - service to their schools and community
- The program tuition is \$250 per student, which includes lodging at the University of Central Arkansas, three meals per day, Arkansas Boys State merchandise, and more.
- It's our recommendation that students and their families do not incur the registration costs. The following are typical sponsors for students' registration:
 - High schools
 - American Legion Posts
 - Local business
 - Community organizations

REGISTRATION TIMELINE

February and March — Register your students to attend and secure payment for their registration fee.

- Our registration process is online. After you register your students, they'll be prompted to complete their part of registration. Please also consider selecting at least one alternate delegate to go in place of a student who can't make it.
- Whether your school is paying or another organization is paying, please help ensure payment is submitted for your students. Payment is accepted via credit card and check.

April and May — Set your students up for success.

- Make sure your students are checking their email. We'll be sharing information with them ahead of time that'll be critical to their success at Arkansas Boys State.
- Support your student during Arkansas Boys State by following the week on social media, listening to their speeches livestreamed on Arkansas PBS, and checking election results for their wins.

Mark your calendars accordingly —

- Feb. 7: Registration open for Arkansas Boys State 2024
- April 5: Registration deadline for schools
- April 12: Registration deadline for students
- May 3: Payment deadline
- May 26-31: Arkansas Boys State 2024



A WEEK THAT SHAPES A LIFETIME

"The experience was amazing, and I made a lot of new friends. **This is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and I am so glad that I was chosen to come here by my school.** It also looks amazing to colleges and will help me in my future endeavors with public service."
— 2023 Arkansas Boys State Delegate



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