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. Homeschool Qualifications

Home schooling has positively impacted various youth organizations including the Virginia Boys State program. Potential home school candidates **must** have completed the 11th grade successfully. Juniors chosen, have one more year of school remaining (or at least one more semester), the program is for exceptional students who have shown strong leadership qualities who can become our leaders and scholars in their communities, now and in the future.

The American Legion's National Americanism Commission as well as the American Legion Department of Virginia have established certain qualifications for prospective Boys State citizens. These two organizations work within the respective program guidelines to ensure compliance.

It is the responsibility of the home schooler's parents to contact the local American Legion Post when nominees are selected from their respective high schools, homeschools and private schools. Further, it is the responsibility of the said parents to set an interview during the dates and times set forth by the local American Legion Post's Boys State committee.

Under no circumstances will a homeschooler be accepted at Virginia Boys State without first having his eleventh-grade courses and units completed and acknowledged by his parent or guardian.

A homeschooler is defined as a student who is not enrolled full time in a public or private school, and is usually taught at home by a parent or by a group of parents who teach with either an academic-oriented curriculum or a religious-based curriculum.

Admittance Procedures for Homeschoolers and/or Religious-based Homeschoolers to attend Boys State

The parent must indicate to The American Legion local Adjutant or Boys State Chairman that the student has successfully completed 11th grade (or will successfully complete 11th grade by the start of Boys State session at the latest), as a student in good standing in compliance with **the Virginia Code, § 22.1-254 and § 22.1-254.1 Declaration of policy; requirements for home instruction of children. A copy of the parent's Notification of Intent to Provide Home Instruction form or religious exemption acknowledgement letter from the school board is required.**

The parents of the home-schooled applicant can present the document to the local post Commander or Adjutant. Names of these Legionnaires can be obtained by contacting the Homeschool Coordinator Joe Adair at 757.775.3487 or homeschool@vaboysstate.org.

The American Legion Interviews of Homeschool Applicants

It is the responsibility of home school parents to contact the local American Legion Post at the beginning of the school year so they're interviewed with Boys State nominees from the local high schools. All Boys State nominees are interviewed by some forum and home schoolers must compete in this process at the specified time.

All delegates selected to attend Boys State have their tuition paid for by a variety of sponsors; these include The American Legion, public and private schools, fraternal, business, civic groups and others. Home schoolers, if selected to attend, receive the same tuition as those from other schools.

The final selection of all Boys State delegates is determined by each individual American Legion post, judging the merits of every invited candidate.

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