

# West Virginia High School Packet

## The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State

June 10 – June 16

# 2012

Dear High School Principals/Counselors,

Enclosed with this letter is information on The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS). ALMBS is an honors, leadership and citizenship academy which has existed since 1936 to teach “good government through participation” to the outstanding male Junior High School class members in the State of West Virginia.

Please take the time to review the enclosed materials and provide the requested response no later than November 11, 2011. You may visit <http://mountaineerboysstate.org> for additional information on the program. ALMBS has long been recognized as one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction for High School students.

It is our goal to have every High School, in the State of West Virginia, represented at the 2012 session; which is the 75th Session of the program. We are very willing to work with you to assure that your High School is represented at the program.

Please do not hesitate to address any questions, regarding ALMBS to the point of contact for your area listed in the enclosed materials.

Sincerely,

Director Jim Davis



## 75<sup>th</sup> Annual

Response requested by November 11, 2011



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**PURPOSE:** The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) has been a program of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia since 1936. ALMBS participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county, and state governments operated by the participants elected to the various offices. Activities include executive, legislative, and judicial sessions, law enforcement presentations, assemblies with a variety of guest speakers, and Americanism presentations. There are also band, chorus, and recreational activities as part of the program.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State was created to teach good government through participation. Participants receive instruction and hands on experience in the governmental, political, and legal processes and participate in a variety of “career paths” that include political, legal, banking, law enforcement, journalism, and homeland security.

**BENEFITS:** Attendees of ALMBS are eligible to apply for the Samsung Scholarship, if he is a direct descendant of a US wartime veteran, worth up to \$20,000 towards any higher education institution, including but not limited to, state, private, and technical institutions. All graduates are also eligible for \$30,000 in college scholarship to Wabash College in Crawfordsville, IN. ALMBS attendees also receive extra merit points toward admission to all US Military Service Academies. Participants also have the ability to receive three (3) hours of college credit in leadership provided by Clemson University. ALMBS has verified with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) that the credits will be accepted to all instate institutions of Higher Education. Attendees also become a member of an elite group of individuals that have graduated from “A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!”

**COST:** The entire cost for one boy to attend The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) is \$200.00. A local American Legion post(s) or sponsor(s) they are able to obtain usually pay the application fee. ALMBS is always looking for sponsors and perhaps you may have some civic group(s), individual(s) or business(s) in your community that would be willing to underwrite the cost of sending a boy, or boys, to Boys State. If so, please contact your local American Legion Post or American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667. An interested applicant may locate his own sponsor or he and/or his family may pay the \$200.00 fee, which covers lodging and meal expenses at the WVU Jackson’s Mill facility. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS), Inc. is a non-profit 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization and any donation to ALMBS, Inc. is tax deductible as allowed by applicable law.



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**QUALIFICATIONS:** All eligible candidates must:

1. Be a member of the male enrollment of the Junior Class;
2. Have a 3.0 grade point average on a four-point scale or its equivalent OR a grade point average of no less than 2.75 AND have been determined to be *exceptionally outstanding* in the areas listed in item 3 below, (Note: schools should use the most current cumulative grade point average as of October 1, 2011);
3. Have demonstrated outstanding qualities in the areas of school activities, community activities, and character;
4. Have never attended a Boys State Program previously; and
5. Be a citizen of the State of West Virginia OR attend a High School in the State of West Virginia;
6. Have no potential conflicts with the ALMBS dates of June 10, 2012 –June 16, 2012.

*ALMBS is open to those meeting the above requirements regardless of race, creed, or national origin.*

**PROCEDURE:** It is requested that the High School Principal/Counselor(s) provide ALMBS with a list of all students who meet the qualifications by completing the attached form and return it to **The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, c/o Director Jim Davis, P.O. Box 3191, Charleston, West Virginia 25332, as soon as possible, but no later than November 11, 2011.** Please make this once in a lifetime opportunity available to ALL of your students who meet the QUALIFICATIONS by listing their names and contact information on the enclosed form(s). *Please make a copy for your records and forward a copy to your local American Legion Post.*

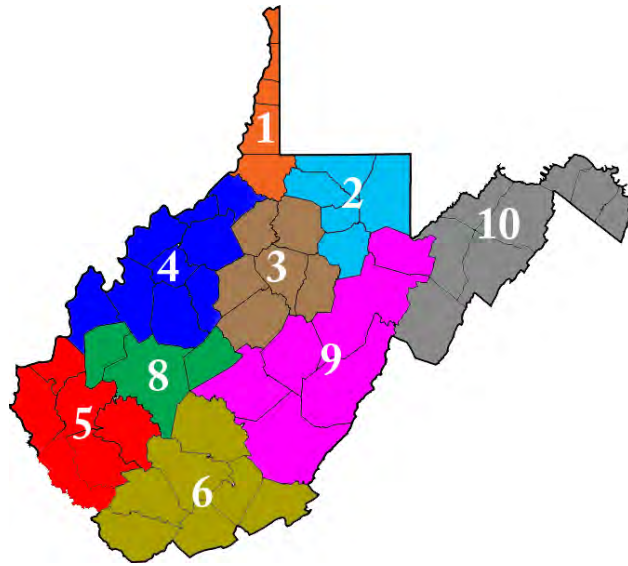
Please remember that the enclosed “ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES” form is not an application. We will provide application information once the candidates have been identified from the enclosed form(s). The American Legion will screen the applicants and select those for admission. Unfortunately, because of the size of the facilities at WVU Jackson’s Mill and the number of sponsors that the local American Legions Posts are able to obtain, we cannot guarantee that every boy that you list will be able to attend.

*Do not list anyone who does not have all of the above qualifications.* It has been proven that candidates who possess the above qualifications have a better chance of adjusting to The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program and will be of value to the recommending school and community upon their return. *All eligible candidates, who apply for admission, will be asked to commit to participate for the entire duration of the ALMBS.*



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**POINTS OF CONTACT:** If you have any questions please contact the individual(s) assigned to your area. The ALMBS website (<http://mountaineerboysstate.org>) may also provide useful information should you have any questions. The American Legion Department of West Virginia website (<http://wvlegion.org>) may also be used as a reference.



District 1: Director Jim Davis (304) 481-4021 or Gary Wolfe (304) 233-3338

District 2: Doug Robinson (304) 365-2080 or Neil Bolyard (304) 290-6684

District 3: Assistant Administrator Randall Kocsis (304) 672-9991 or Frank Nicholson (304) 592-5231

District 4: Robert Mayo (304) 375-6371 or Bob Cunningham (304) 295-4111

District 5: Betty Ann Williams (304) 542-8523 or George Sinkewitz (304) 429-5235

District 6: Truman Sayre (304) 787-5544 or John Hansany (304) 323-3699

District 8: Administrator Steve Sluss (304) 389-3190 or Bob Wines (304) 266-8717

District 9: Charles Reneau (304) 642-0501 or Barbara Burdette (304) 661-4979

District 10: Assistant Director Robbie Robinson (304) 582-3210 or Jacob McCarty (304) 376-2673

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# The American Legion Mountaineer Boys 75<sup>th</sup> Annual: June 10 – June 16, 2012 Eligible Candidates Form

***THOSE RECOMMENDED MUST MEET ALL QUALIFICATIONS SET OUT IN PAGE ONE OF THIS FORM.***

BOY'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

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PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY.

Check if additional sheets are used.

I certify that all of those recommended meet all of The.American.Legion.Mountaineer.Boys.State.qualifications.

Principal \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FORM. IT IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS FORM. IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT EVERY BOY RECOMMENDED FROM YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND BOYS STATE. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION POST OR THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA HEADQUARTERS IN CHARLESTON, WV, BEFORE PROMISING YOUR STUDENTS THAT THEY WILL BE ATTENDING BOYS STATE.

**RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 11, 2011**

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