

# WEST VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL PACKET

## THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE

JUNE 11 – JUNE 17  
**2017**

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 up and coming male High School Senior class members in the State of West Virginia.

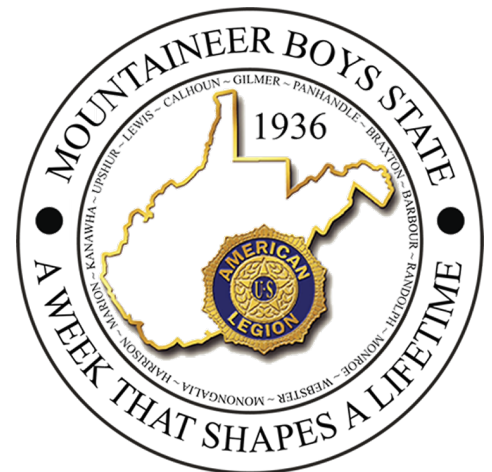
**Please take the time to review the enclosed materials and provide the requested response by November 16, 2016.** You may visit <http://mountaineerboysstate.org> for additional information on the program. ALMBS has long been recognized as one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction for High School students. We have also enclosed an up to date DVD that provides an overview of ALMBS.

It remains our goal to have every high school, in the State of West Virginia, represented at each annual ALMBS session. We are 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



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**RESPONSE REQUESTED BY NOVEMBER 16, 2016**



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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. Band, chorus, and recreational activities are also parts of the program.

ALMBS 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 (Broadcast & Print), Homeland Security (National Guard), and Emergency Services.

**BENEFITS:** Attendees of ALMBS are eligible to apply for the Samsung Scholarship, if they are direct descendants 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 a \$30,000 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 in state institutions of higher education. Most importantly, attendees also become a member of an elite group of individuals that have graduated from “A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!”

**Note:** All applicants of the Samsung Scholarship will submit an online application. During the application process, the applicant is required to provide their high school official contact information for confirmation of GPA, class ranking, etc. Please be prepared to respond to these requests so that your students can successfully be considered for the \$20,000 in scholarship funds.

**COST:** The entire cost for one boy to attend ALMBS is \$200.00. A local American Legion post(s), or sponsor(s) they are able to obtain, usually pay this 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(s) to ALMBS. If so, please contact your local American Legion Post or The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667. An interested applicant may also 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, Inc. is a non-profit 501(C)(4) tax-exempt organization and any donation to ALMBS is tax deductible as allowed by applicable law.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** All eligible candidates must:

1. Be a member of the male enrollment of the junior class;
2. Have a 2.75 grade point average or higher on a four-point scale or its equivalent (**Note:** schools should use the most current cumulative grade point average as of the time of their response);
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 West Virginia OR attend a high school in West Virginia

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

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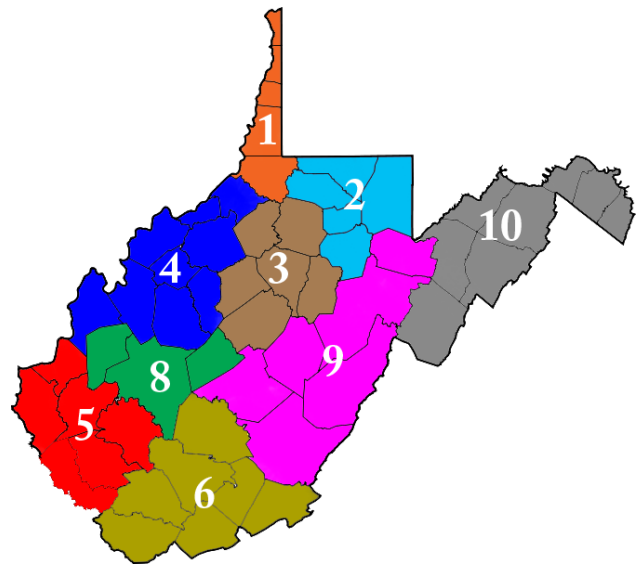
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**PROCEDURE:** It is requested that the high school principal/counselor(s) provide ALMBS with a list of all students who meet the qualifications by completing the attached form and return it to **The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, c/o Director Jim Davis, P.O. Box 3191, Charleston, West Virginia 25332, as soon as possible, but no later than November 16, 2016.** 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 Legion Posts are able to obtain, we cannot guarantee that every boy that you list will be able to attend.

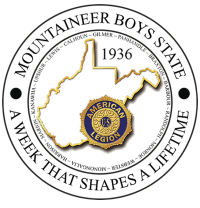
***Do not list anyone who does not have all of the above qualifications.*** It has been proven that candidates who possess the above qualifications have a better chance of adjusting to The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program and will be of value to the recommending school and community upon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

**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: Jim Davis (304) 481-4021 or Gary Wolfe (304) 233-3338
- District 2: Doug Robinson (304) 365-2080 or Randall Kocsis (304) 672-9991
- District 3: Randall Kocsis (304) 672-9991 or Frank Nicholson (304) 592-5231
- District 4: David Hall (304) 674-6838 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 Al Hancock (304) 327-8745
- District 8: Bob Wines (304) 266-8717
- District 9: Charles Reneau (304) 642-0501 or Barbara Burdette (304) 661-4979
- District 10: Robbie Robinson (304) 582-3210 or Jacob McCarty (304) 376-2673

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ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FORM

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MAILING ADDRESS

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PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY.

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

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

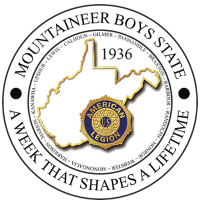
School Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

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 ALMBS. Please check with your local American Legion Post or The American Legion Department of West Virginia before promising your students that they will be attending ALMBS.

**RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

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Principal: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* *Date*

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