



“A Week That Shapes a Lifetime”

Sample KBS Schedule:

- 6:45am:** Wake up & eat breakfast
- 8:00am:** Flag Raising/Announcements
- 8:15am:** City - General Work Time / Businesses
- 9:15am:** County A: Guest Lecturer
County B: Legislative Coordination
- 10:30am:** Party Meetings: Candidate speeches
- 11:45am:** Lunch
- 12:45pm:** Elections in House & Senate caucuses
- 1:30pm:** House and Senate committee meetings
- 3:30pm:** Intramural sports, band, news media, etc.
- 3:30-5pm:** State Primary Elections
- 5:00pm:** Dinner
- 6:15pm:** Flag ceremony/Announcements
- 6:30pm:** House and Senate Sessions
- 8:00pm:** KTV - Evening news
- 8:45pm:** City - General Work Time / Businesses
- 11:00pm:** Lights out

Sunday, June 14 to Saturday, June 20, 2026
Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, PA.



A Tradition of Leadership

What is Keystone Boys State?

Established 1936, Pennsylvania American Legion Keystone Boys State is an educational workshop for high school student leaders. Students selected to attend KBS have the opportunity to gain leadership skills through an intensive week-long summer program. The focus of KBS is its hands-on simulation of municipal, county, and state government.



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JUNE 14-20, 2026
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Pennsylvania's Premier Leadership Program for Young Men Since 1936

Further Information:

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- paboysstate.org/KBSApplication
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Citizens have the opportunity to meet and discuss with lawmakers the PA Capitol Building.

About Keystone Boys State

Keystone Boys State is a youth leadership and citizenship program operated by The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania. There is **no cost** to you or your family. This is a fully sponsored program. For more than 75 years, KBS has developed informed and responsible young leaders through:

Leadership Development

Hands-on training through a simulated government built and run by the students.

Civic Education

Learn how government functions through real campaigns, elections, debate, and legislation.

Scholarship Opportunities

Eligibility for awards including the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

Career & College Readiness

Connect directly with colleges, career seminars, and a standout résumé.

Program Areas

Encompassing all levels of government and citizen life, program areas like Media, State Police, Intramurals, Businesses and other areas make up KBS.

Scholarship Opportunities

- Keystone Boys State is proud to offer various scholarships including the Samsung Scholarship and various scholarships within our program.
- Applicants must demonstrate strong leadership, character, and scholarship potential

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The Samsung American Legion Scholarship honors top Boys State leaders with awards up to \$10,000. In 2025, KBS citizen Peyton Markel was named one of just 10 National Scholars nationwide.

How to Apply:

Any high school rising Junior may apply to Keystone Boys State. You must submit an application through the KBS website.

Visit Our Website:

Visit www.paboysstate.org and complete the online application form below

Submit Your Application

1. Fill out the online application below.
2. Print pdf copy.
3. Sign in all places. (Students and Parents)
4. Turn in your PDF COPY of your registration to your local American Legion post/squadron commander or adjutant for sponsorship. Contact them first to arrange the submission of the completed application.

REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 1- MAY 31, 2026

Scan Below for KBS Application:



paboysstate.org/KBSApplication

Benefits of KBS

- Highly valued on college applications; opportunity to earn college credit.
- 20% of first-year students at military academies are Boys or Girls State graduates.
- Scholarship and standout résumé opportunities.
- Acquire skills that provide focus and a leadership base for your senior year.
- Develop a working understanding of state and local government.
- Be part of a talented team of peers working to achieve goals.
- Meet state representatives and senators in Harrisburg.

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