



# 2025 Statesman Application Process



**Mission Statement: Support and enable local Posts to increase both quality and quantity of Statesmen representing their Post at TXBS 2025.**

## **Purpose of the online application process:**

- Enhance professionalism of applications and the application process.
- Enhance Legion Post awareness and involvement as it relates to applicant qualifications.
- Enhance connection of interested qualified applicants to resources to help join the program.
- Provides cost savings for the American Legion.

## **Process overview:**

1. All **prospective Statesmen** must apply using the online form.
  - o Requires completion of academic information as well as submission of resume, transcript, and two essays to help ensure qualified candidate.
2. **Parent/Guardian** approval – link to this step is sent after step one is completed.



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3. Obtain a **School Nominator**. This can be any educator (Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, Coach, Counselor, etc.) who knows the student well and can vouch for them. Link to this step is sent after step two is completed.
  - Requires verification of academic information and submitting documentation of why the student should be selected to represent their school.
  
4. **American Legion Post approval** after applicant interview is completed.
  - Link to this step is sent after step three is completed.
  - Details from prior step information will be included legion to review, including resume, transcript, and school nominator information.
  - Legion will schedule interview after receiving this notification, then verify completion in this step.
  
5. Completion of **Financial Sponsorship** details.
  - Financial Sponsor is often the Legion Post, family, school, or community organizations/businesses.
  - This step will be activated after all other steps are completed and final review by TX Boys Staff has occurred to ensure all steps were done properly.



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## Notes of Importance and Frequently Asked Questions:

- Application available online at: <https://www.texasboysstate.com/apply>
- Accurate email addresses are imperative.
  - This is an automated workflow that automatically sends the next form to the person listed in steps 2-5. Mistyped email addresses will prevent applications from continuing to the next person.
- When can applications be started?
  - Now, applications are already open with numerous submissions completed.
- When is the application deadline?
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> is optimal requested completion deadline with specific timelines up to each post.
- What if a post is concerned about financial sponsorship?
  - There are numerous ways to obtain assistance with financial sponsorship, from working with other community ambassadors, groups, and businesses. While tuition increased slightly to align with increased costs, ensure the best possible program is being provided, and a balanced budget results, this is still a very low-cost program and if a local post is unable to solicit assistance, contact [admin@texasboysstate.com](mailto:admin@texasboysstate.com) to discuss what actions have been done and options to assist.



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- What if an applicant is unaware of a Legion Post contact?
  - The application has a “Find a Post” tool and link to the Blue Book file to assist in connecting them with a Legion Post representative in their local area.

## Additional Frequently Asked Questions:

- Does a post have access to the applicant’s full application?
  - Details are automatically sent to the post once is ready for that step & includes contact email address as well as resume, transcript, essays, & school nominator response.
- How can an application be rejected by a post?
  - After an applicant has invested oneself in the application process, then signed off by the parent, and a school nominator has attested that they are a good candidate, it is unlikely that an applicant would be rejected, yet high quality applicants is of utmost importance. Thus, to reject an application, a post should email [admin@texasboysstate.com](mailto:admin@texasboysstate.com) to discuss why the individual is being rejected to ensure they are not inadvertently being denied due to funding concerns, political differences, or other issues that may be mitigated.
- Can a post pay for shirts for a Statesman during the Financial Sponsorship step?
  - Yes, within the Financial Sponsorship step, it provides an opportunity to purchase shirts and other items for a Statesman – yet, is not required as all Statesman will be provided with one shirt as a part of their tuition. If additional shirts are not purchased in this step, there is still an opportunity for the Stateman to purchase later, prior to showing up to the program.



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- If someone is homeschooled/international/non-traditional schooling, who should fill out the Educator form?
  - Whomever is closest with the student on an education-basis can fill out the Educator form, even if it is the same parent who is filling out the Parent approval.
  
- How can an individual volunteer to assist with the program?
  - There are numerous ways to contribute to the program with a variety of levels of commitment from a few hours on day one to the entire week. This includes tasks such as help during check-in to serving in a role as a counselor. Apply online at <https://www.texasboysstate.com/become-a-counselor> or email [admin@texasboysstate.com](mailto:admin@texasboysstate.com) for more information
  - We would LOVE to have more Legionnaires on Staff. We encourage you and and others to apply!

**If you need ANY assistance will the Boys State selection & nomination process, please reach out to us. We love Boys State & would love to help.**

**[Admin@TexasBoysState.com](mailto:Admin@TexasBoysState.com)**

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## Example of Received Application (Sent Directly to Post)



Here is Tony's self-uploaded resume, transcript, and reason for attendance:

[Classwork.pdf](#)

[Resume for Boys State.docx.pdf](#)

"I consider Texas Boy's State as an amazing opportunity to develop leadership, communication, and organizational skills. I also believe that Texas Boy's State will help me with the dreams I have been working so hard to build up my whole life; attend the United States Naval Academy and commission into the Navy as a Naval Aviator. I not only want to follow in my Father's footsteps in serving my country in the Navy, but I want to be the change. I want to be the change in my family, in my country, and In the world. I know the journey will be long and challenging but I know with my present NJROTC skills, and hopefully, what I may learn at Boy's State, I can change the world for the better. "

The school nominator MGYSGT Ishmael Palacio Castillo from Stony Point High School has said: "Cadet/ Ensign Antonio Towver has proven himself worthy of this nomination through his personal and professional conduct. Casdet Towver has demonstrated his strong desire to grow and develop through his actions in leadership roles at the ROTC and on competitive teams. He is currently serving as a Platoon Commander for the 8th platoon at Stony Point HS NJROTC. Cadet Towver aspires to attend the Naval Academy and become a naval officer. This opportunity will help this young man learn and develop the skills leaders require.

V/R  
Master Guns Castillo "

Click the button below to fill out this form.

[View Form](#)



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## Legion Post Approval Form

### TXBS 2025: LEGION APPROVAL

Texas Boys State is a selective and once-in-a-lifetime capstone leadership experience held at the University of Texas at Austin. From June 8-13, 2025, over 1,200 of the best-and-brightest male rising Seniors from across Texas will come together to practice the science and art of self-government.

#### Selection Process

To be selected for TXBS 2025:

- All prospective Statesmen must apply. We are looking for the best-and-brightest rising Seniors who have demonstrated character, competence, passion, and potential. has successfully applied.
- All prospective Statesmen must have Parent/Guardian approval.
- All prospective Statesmen must be nominated by a School Nominator. This is any educator (Supintendent, Principal, Teacher, Coach, Counselor, etc) who knows the student well and can vouch for them. has nominated .
- All prospective Statesmen must be interviewed/approved by an American Legion Post. **is now requesting your interviewing and approval of their nominee, . To deny a prospective Statesman's application, please email [admin@texasboysstate.com](mailto:admin@texasboysstate.com).**
- All prospective Statesmen must be financially sponsored. The Financial Sponsor is often the Legion Post, family, school, or local community organizations or businesses. In exceptional cases, there is also limited scholarship funding available. Our team will work with any and all Statesmen to ensure that merit, and not finances, decide who may attend TXBS from June 8-13 at the University of Texas.

Please direct all questions to your local Legion Post and/or [admin@texasboysstate.com](mailto:admin@texasboysstate.com). Thanks and good luck!

#### Statesman Information

Statesman Legal Name \*




First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Statesman E-mail \*

ex: myname@example.com

Statesman High School \*

Please spell out your full high school name- no abbreviations.

Statesman High School District \*

Please spell out your full school district name- no abbreviations. NOTE: Please put Private, Charter, or Homeschool as applicable.

#### Approving Legion Post Information

Legion Approver Name \*





Title

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Legion Approver E-mail \*

ex: myname@example.com

Legion Approver Cell Number \*

(000) 000-0000

Legion Approver Position \*

Ex. Post Commander, Boys State Chairman, etc.

Approving Legion Post Name \*

Please spell out your full Post name- no abbreviations.

Approving Legion Post Number

e.g., 23

Approving Legion Post District \*

e.g., 23

Approving Legion Post Division \*

e.g., 23

Approving Legion Post Address \*

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

Please Select

City

State

Zip Code

Who will be financially sponsoring this Statesman? \*

example@example.com

Tuition without uniform t-shirts is \$400 per Statesman and can be funded by any source- often the Post, family, school, local community organization, or local business. Please put the email address of the financial sponsor for them to be sent a digital payment form. If you are struggling to find financial sponsorship, please email: [admin@texasboysstate.com](mailto:admin@texasboysstate.com).

Approving Post Affidavit:

I hereby confirm that our Post has interviewed the prospective Statesman. He will have finished his Junior year of high school and is a well-rounded student-leader of character.

As he meets the eligibility requirements and selection criteria to be appointed as a delegate to the American Legion Texas Boys State program, we will be proud to have him represent our Post and direct approval of his application to attend.

Legion Approval Signature \*

Clear

Date of Legion Approval Signature \*

01-13-2025

Date

03:58

Hour Minutes

PM

Submit