

NEWFANE AMERICAN LEGION POST 873
BOYS' & GIRLS' STATE CANDIDATE APPLICATION: 2023

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DOB: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Email address: _____ **Home phone:** _____

Are you COVID-19 Vaccinated? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(*May be required by the SUNY colleges hosting the Boys & Girls State program/events.)

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAMES:

MOTHER: _____

FATHER: _____

ARE EITHER OF YOUR PARENTS A VETERAN? No ☐

Yes ☐ ; which branch _____

**PLEASE LIST ALL EXTRACURRICULAR/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ARE/
HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN (inside and outside of school):**

grade 9: _____

grade 10: _____

grade 11: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL HONORS OR AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED:

grade 9: _____

grade 10: _____

grade 11: _____

COUNSELOR SECTION:

Overall GPA (grades 9-current): _____

Current Class Rank (grades 9-current): _____

Counselor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

* Return completed application to Mr. Smith in the guidance office.

**Application deadline: Friday, Feb. 10, 2023. Informal 10 min. interview in guidance Feb. 14.

***See attached informational pages regarding Boys' or Girls' State. Also check out the appropriate websites for additional information.

WHAT IS BOYS' STATE?

Boys' State is a program of **The American Legion** developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of Government; that the individual is an integral part, and commensurately responsible, for the character and success of his government. Boys' State is easily classified as a Leadership Action Program wherein qualified male high school juniors participate in a practical government course designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of Government and to impress upon them that their Government is just what THEY make it.

Boys' State is not a summer camp! Although there will be designated recreation times, Boys' State is NOT a picnic -- NOT an outing--NOT a sports camp. Only young men with outstanding qualifications in leadership, character, scholarship, service and citizenship who will have a serious attitude toward an intensive citizenship training program will be selected.

PHYSICAL FITNESS is an integral part of Boys' State . There will be time set aside for a physical program to include calisthenics and marching to meals and assemblies to prepare for the parade which is one of the high points of the program.

*****Participants who excel at Boys State may be selected for a scholarship!*****

2023 Boys' State Program will be from Sunday, June 25th to Sunday July 2nd 2023 at Morrisville State College in Morrisville, NY. SUNY Morrisville is located in the Cherry Valley area of New York State on Route 20, 30 miles east of Syracuse.

Candidates for Boys' State must meet the following criteria:

- be at least 15 years of age at the time of application.
- have completed their junior year in the upper 50% of their class.
- intend to return to school to complete their education.
- be residents of New York State.

Candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- Leadership
- Ability to get along with others
- Physical cleanliness and neatness
- Honesty
- Good personality and vigorous attitude
- Enthusiasm
- Good citizenship
- The orientation dinner/program June 1, 2023 at Sikora American Legion Post, Payne Ave., No. Tonawanda. Boys State dinner provided free of charge. Visitor's pay \$20 each.

If you are interested in attending The Boys' State Program and meet the above criteria please inform your school guidance counselor who will give you an application. You will be committing yourself to being available for the complete program.

Website Info: <https://nylegion.net/boys-state>

Any questions, email Mr. Leader, Past Commander, at:
pgleader@yahoo.com (or by cell: 471-0382)



American Legion Auxiliary

Department of New York

"The World's Largest Women's Patriotic Organization"

Empire Girls' State

To promote love of God and Country through the Empire Girls' State Program is an exciting venture.

E.G.S. is a non-partisan, non-political Americanism program enabling hands-on experiences in the democratic process. Empire Girls' State prepares today's young women to be knowledgeable, active participants and future leaders in our society.

Girls' State Citizens, divided into 11 counties named for famous women, are divided into two political parties; Nationalists and Federalists. As they develop their mythical 51st state, they live together as self-governing citizens working to solve the concerns of their counties while running political campaigns, debating, and formulating legislation. They gain an understanding of and appreciation for what democracy really means as they cooperate in order to achieve their goals.

Through the expertise of the Department Americanism chairwoman, the 360 Juniors from across the state will learn proper flag etiquette. Each county will have an opportunity to participate in a flag raising or flag lowering ceremony. Some Citizens will be involved in a Flag Disposal Service and a POW/MIA Ceremony.

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The 2023 Empire Girls' State Program is scheduled for:

Sunday, July 2nd through Saturday July 8th, 2023 on the SUNY Brockport campus.

The Orientation dinner / program TBA.

Girls State is a well-known, long standing, selective, and respected program. Being able to include participation of this program on a resume a very positive addition.

Please remember that final selection of all citizens is to be made by the American Legion Auxiliary, NOT a teacher, guidance counselor, principal, or any other person other than the Auxiliary! It is OUR responsibility to select the BEST possible candidates to represent our Unit.

Website info: <http://empiregirlsstate.org>

If you have any questions, please contact:

Sheila Flanagan

Newfane Auxiliary Girls State Chairman

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Cell: (716) 870-2686

*****Check with last year's Girls State citizen for more information: Kendall Amuaku**