

Michigan American Legion Scholarships and Youth Programs



\$500 Scholarships for Descendants of Veterans

The American Legion Department of Michigan offers two stand-alone scholarships for descendants of veterans. The William D. & Jewell Brewer scholarship is for high school seniors and college students (with no degree) who plan on attending any nationally accredited college/university/trade school. The Guy M. Wilson scholarship is for high school seniors only who plan on attending a Michigan-accredited college/university/trade school. Both require the applicant to be a Michigan resident, a descendant of a war-time-era veteran, and have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. For a complete list of requirements or to download an application visit www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships.

Leadership Programs for Students

The American Legion has several programs dedicated to transforming our youth into future leaders that have a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation. Whether they attend our Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program or Michigan Boys or Girls State, these students will gain an understanding of our government, how to work together towards a common goal, and valuable skills and friendships that will last a lifetime. Students that attend our programs have a chance at several **scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.**



\$500 Teacher of the Year Award

K-12 Teachers are a national treasure; the job they have to educate our youth is, at times, difficult but very rewarding. Teachers help shape the future of our country through the lessons and principles they teach to the youth who sit day after day in their classroom. Every year The American Legion Department of Michigan recognizes five teachers who are working hard to impart those lessons to the children entrusted to them. These teachers receive a \$500 check and a plaque for their award. We realize this is only a small gesture in the grand scheme of things, but we want to recognize them for the work they do.

To nominate a teacher for this award, visit www.michiganlegion.org/teacher to view the criteria and download a nomination form.





Interested in Law Enforcement?

Cadets participate in a wide variety of instructional sessions with Local, State Police, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. You will learn how to work as a team and be taught self-esteem, as you will be the future Leaders of our state and nation. There will be classes in forensic sciences, active shooter response, water rescue, tactical drug operation through the use of specially trained dogs, weapon firing, and other police-related skills. This is a six-day camp used to introduce students to all procedures of law enforcement. Students should be physically fit and have a good academic record to be able to participate. This is not a recreational camp.

Qualifications:

- Be in 10th-12th grade in the Fall of 2022.
- Be capable of strenuous exercise.
- Handle strict discipline
- Have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Must not have a juvenile or criminal record
- Be interested in criminal justice
- A level 2 driver's license preferred
- The program fee for 2022/23 is \$475 per student—paid by sponsoring American Legion Post or other civic organizations.

Application submission does NOT guarantee admission to the program. The MSP has limited space at its facility. For the 2022/23 program, the class limit has been set to 30 students. The determination of admission will be announced shortly after the application deadline. Admission is determined by the MSP trooper in charge, and their decision is final.

Program Dates: June 11-16, 2023

Location: MSP Training Headquarters- Lansing

Are you up for the challenge?



Premier Leadership Programs for High School Juniors

Michigan American Legion Boys State is a unique week-long summertime educational program that does not emphasize classroom lectures and textbook learning. Instead, it focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government.

The American Legion believes there is no better way to ensure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of the American Government. Boys State is designed to supplement the information taught in high school civics classes. It is an activity born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship and leadership and to instill a working knowledge of the structure and operation of government.

Eligibility Criteria

- Only males who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and have at least one semester of high school remaining are to be considered.
- Any boy who has previously attended a Boys State is not eligible to attend a second session.
- Only boys with outstanding qualities of leadership and character are to be considered.
- The registration fee is \$25—paid by the student.
- The program fee is \$400— paid by an American Legion Post or other civic organization, or parent.

Program Dates: June 18-24, 2023

Location: Grand Valley State University- Allendale Campus

Join us for a week of leadership, civic participation, and learning-by-doing!



The Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is one of a kind! Girls from across Michigan come together, empower one another and learn how government works in their state. Each delegate of Girls State will be placed in a city consisting of 20-30 girls who have also been selected to attend. They will have the opportunity to uplift, support, and empower one another as they all learn how state and local governments work together.

ALA Girls State is an excellent opportunity to create friendships across the state that will be great networking connections later on in life. Girls State is focused on helping young women become tomorrow's leaders.

Eligibility Criteria:

- High school girls who have completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one semester of high school remaining,
- Be a United States citizen
- The cost is \$400—paid by the American Legion Auxiliary unit or other civic organization, or parent.
- \$25 registration fee- paid by the student.

Program Dates: June 18-24, 2023

Location: Michigan State University- East Lansing

Come and see what Girls State can offer you!



www.michalaux.org/girls-state

Need More Information?

For more information on all of our scholarships and programs, visit www.michiganlegion.org/programs. From there, you can download applications, brochures, and flyers. You can also scan the QR code below to take you directly to our program's website. If you have questions, please email legion@michiganlegion.org.

