

Sponsorship Info

Badger Boys State is ran at no cost for students to participate. The program is made possible through the generosity of our sponsors. We invite you to partner with us, and support Badger Boys State in empowering Wisconsin's next young leaders by providing them the chance to experience a week to change a lifetime.



Any organization or individual who can graciously cover the **\$400 per student** sponsorship fee will be an appreciated supporter of Badger Boys State's mission.

To complete your sponsorship - the \$400 payment, along with completing the attached Sponsorship Card can be sent to:

**Badger Boys State
P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901**

Badger Boys State greatly appreciates donations in any amount. Any gift can be made at badgerboysstate.org/donate or in a check to the address above.

How to Reach Us

For more information, please visit our website at: www.badgerboysstate.org

We can also be reached at
608.745.1090 or by emailing
info@badgerboysstate.org



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BADGER
— BOYS STATE —

83rd Session
June 14-20, 2026
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

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A Week to Change a Lifetime

Badger Boys State is a program which teaches its participants about civics and leadership. Citizens come from all parts of Wisconsin to UW-Eau Claire's campus to take part in a transformational experience which is truly "a week to change a lifetime."

The citizens are placed within 27 cities and 9 counties which make up the fictitious state of Badger. Citizens will learn about the workings of local governments by forming their own government and running for elected offices at the city, county, and state level. The citizens learn about parliamentary procedure and law making and much more.

In addition to gaining a deeper appreciation for civics, the citizens gain critical leadership experience, confidence, and interpersonal skills throughout their experience. The citizens have a clean slate to push their boundaries and gain the most from their experience.



The Badger Boys State Staff all serve on a volunteer basis, with the shared goal of providing Wisconsin's future leaders with an impactful experience. Our staff consists of leaders across many professions from all across the United States.

Timeline

*Sponsorships are accepted year-round, it is never too late!

*Students are also accepted up to the start date on June 14th!

October 2025

Sponsorship Cards are sent.

January 1, 2026

Sponsorship Cards are due. The earlier the Sponsorship Cards are received, the easier it is to match each sponsor with their preferences for a prospective citizen.

March 2026

Citizens are selected by their educators and are asked to register by this date. By this time the program hopes to have each citizen matched with a sponsor.

Alternate students may be provided the opportunity to attend the program depending on the number of sponsorships available.

April-June, 2026

Students can begin official sign ups and online orientations.



June 14, 2026

The 83rd Session of Badger Boys State begins.

Eligibility

All Wisconsin high school students who will complete their junior year by June 14, 2025 are eligible to attend Badger Boys State.

Students of all backgrounds, identities, and socioeconomic status are encouraged to participate. Our selection process prioritizes fairness and equal opportunity. Badger Boys State does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, handicap, creed, political affiliation, ancestry, or membership in the National Guard, state defense force, or any other reserve component of the United States military.



School leaders including administrators, counselors, and teachers will help select students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills within their community. This includes various realms such as academics, athletics, and other extracurricular activities. Students across all diverse backgrounds, identities, socioeconomic statuses, skill sets, and academic achievements have all thrived in their time at Badger Boys State.