

Sponsorship Info

Badger Boys State ensures all young leaders have an equal opportunity to participate in the program. To accomplish this, Badger Boys State administers the program at no cost to participants which is only made possible through the generosity of our sponsors.



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

To become a sponsor... The \$400 payment, along with a completed Sponsorship Card, can be sent to:

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

Badger Boys State appreciates donations in any amount. Any gift can be made at [badgerboysstate.org/donate](https://www.badgerboysstate.org/donate) or in check to the address above.

How to Reach Us

For more information, please visit the program's website at:
www.badgerboysstate.org

You can also reach us by calling
608.745.1090 or by emailing
info@badgerboysstate.org



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BADGER
— BOYS STATE —

81st Session
June 9-15, 2024

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

 AMERICAN
LEGION
— WISCONSIN —

A program of The American Legion
Department of Wisconsin

The image is a vertical banner for the Badger Boys State 81st Session. At the top, it features a large blue banner with the words "BADGER BOYS STATE" in white. Below this, there is a photograph of several young men in black t-shirts and shorts standing on a stage, holding flags. The text "81st Session June 9-15, 2024" is prominently displayed in white. Below that, it says "University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire". At the bottom, there is the logo for the American Legion, which includes the words "AMERICAN LEGION" and "WISCONSIN" with a stylized figure in the letter "O" of "LEGION". Below the logo, it says "A program of The American Legion Department of Wisconsin".

A Week to Change a Lifetime

Badger Boys State is a program which teaches its participants (known as “citizens”) civics and leadership. Citizens come from miles around to descend on the UW-Eau Claire campus to take part in what is **“a week to change a lifetime.”**

Once citizens arrive at Badger Boys State, they will be placed in one of 27 cities and one of 9 counties. Citizens are tasked with creating political parties, running for elected office, and governing their respective constituencies, whether it be at the city, county, or state level.

Badger Boys State not only instills citizens with an improved appreciation for civics but also strengthens intangibles like leadership, confidence, and interpersonal skills.



Badger Boys State staff all serve on a volunteer basis. Our staff consists of leaders across many professions who hail from all corners of the United States.

Timeline

September 2023

Sponsorship Cards are sent.

January 1, 2024

Sponsorship Cards are due. Sponsors are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The earlier the Sponsorship Card is received, the easier it is to match each sponsor with a prospective citizen.

March 15, 2024

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 secured.

April-June, 2024

Citizens can sign up and attend one of our online orientations.



June 9, 2024

The 81st Session begins.

Eligibility

Any Wisconsin high school student who will complete their junior year by June 9, 2024.

Students of all backgrounds, identities, and socioeconomic status are encouraged to participate and 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, such as administrators, counselors, or teachers, should select students who have demonstrated leadership potential. Scholarship is important, but not essential. Students with varied backgrounds, identities, socioeconomic status, and academic performance have been successful at Badger Boys State.