

Dear Valued Sponsor,

Badger Boys State is a civic leadership program of the **Wisconsin American Legion**. The program is an important part of the Legion's mission and is an opportunity which can change a young leader's life.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> session of Badger Boys State will be held **June 14-20**, **2026** at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. It is our hope we can count on your sponsorship, which will cost **\$400** per delegate for the 2026 session. Your generous donation ensures we can welcome delegates to our program at no cost to them.

A sponsorship card is enclosed. The card is used to make reservations for delegate(s) to be sponsored from your community. The completed card and total amount due for each delegate should be returned by January 1, 2026. <u>We will accept sponsorships after that date</u>.

The sponsorship card must include the name and address of your point of contact. This will allow us to send a thank you letter from the Badger Boys State delegate to you. Please also be sure to indicate your assignment preferences on the card so we can best match your sponsorship fee to interested students. Registration information will be sent to school leaders starting January 31, 2026.

We will work closely with you to ensure all reserved slots are filled and the opportunity for an interested student to attend is not lost. Please note refunds for unused spots will **NOT** be issued after March 31, 2026. Any unused sponsorships will be carried over to the following year.

Qualifications for delegate selection are outlined in the brochure. As a sponsor, you may reach out to the school to assist in delegate selection if you would like. This is not a necessary part of being a sponsor as our staff will be actively working with all schools to help them select delegates. If your school does not name a delegate, your funds can be used to support a delegate on the alternate waiting list who wants to attend Badger Boys State but does not yet have a sponsor.

We cannot stress enough the importance of delegates participating in **orientations** prior to the program. Please encourage your delegates to attend one of the online sessions. For a complete list of dates, go to **badgerboysstate.org/orientations.** 

Badger Boys State will begin on **Sunday**, **June 14**, **2026**. The Badger Boys State session will conclude after the final morning assembly on **Saturday**, **June 20**, **2026**. Badger Boys State is an intensive, hands-on experience in citizenship and each participant is a valued member of their respective city and county. Our program is most effective when students actively participate from start to finish. For this reason, we recommend that an alternate be selected in place of a potential delegate who cannot attend the full session.

Your sponsorship and support will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Director, Badger Boys State