

# Utah Boys and Girls State

An American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary Youth Programs

Boys State founded in 1939, Girls State 1937

Hands on democracy and government.

Nationwide; premier youth programs teaching civics.

Resident course conducted on Weber State University Campus, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June annually. Student capacity 300.

5 days, over 70 hours of hands-on democracy and government.

Develops leadership and pride in young American citizens.

Mentor high school juniors in how our system of government is supposed to work.

Instills a greater understanding in American traditions, respect for our institutions, and appreciation for engagement in community.

Give voice and empowers students with self-confidence and ability to have civil dialog concerning the challenges their generation is facing.

Graduates receive three semester hours of Political Science transferable to other colleges and universities nationwide.

Weber State, Samsung & private scholarships combine total nearly four million dollars.

All staff and counselors are volunteers from across the state.

Guest speakers participate at no cost to the programs.

*“It’s a week that will change your life, you really can’t explain what Boys and Girls State is, you must experience it.”*

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