

Juan Diego Academy
Catholic Regional High School



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**BOYS STATE APPLICATION FORM
(Junior Boys Only)**

What is Texas Boys State?

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each student becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government.

Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935, when it organized to counter the fascist-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young women called Girls State.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities, of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical, with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

All information within this packet must be typed. Hand-written forms or forms that do not meet the specifications below will not be accepted: they will be returned to the students and not evaluated.

How are the candidate's leadership and character evaluated?

Students are required to submit a complete candidate packet with the resume and the required essays. Next, a Faculty Council convened by the Principal will meet to review the candidate's information sheet, transcript, and teacher evaluation forms.

2020 Application Review Process

February 5th: Letters of qualification distributed to academically eligible students

February 6th: Packets are made available online

February 12th: Completed applications are due to Dr. Carroll by 4:00 PM

February 19th: Notification of Acceptance

Summer Program hosted at University of Texas in Austin

II Essays

Respond to each of the following essay prompts on separate pages and attach to this packet. Double-space each essay, including the question being addressed at the top of each essay. Please limit each essay response to a **maximum of 300 words**.

A. Describe a skill, trait or belief that distinguishes you from others.

B. Describe how something you have done has made a difference in someone's life.

III Leadership Roles- List all elected or appointed leadership positions or other positions of responsibility held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

To meet the leadership criterion for Boys State, a student must name **three (3) leadership roles at school or in the community achieved since the beginning of high school** and indicate the roles and the names of the adult who supervised each of these activities on the Candidate Form. More than three roles may be listed, but **there must be three verifiable listings to be considered for membership**.

Please type in the additional white space below the following spreadsheets if you need more room for information.

Leadership Role	Grade Level(s)	Activity/Organization	Supervising Adult

IV Service

To be selected to Boys State, a junior boy should have acquired 75 Christian Ministry hours.

Other Student Activities-List all school-based activities (other than Christian Ministry) in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each.

Activity	Grade Level(s)	Accomplishments

V Other Community Activities-List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community (religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc.). Do not repeat participation already listed above. Please include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity.

Community Activity	Hours	Accomplishments	Supervising Adult

VI Character

A student of character:

- Consistently exemplifies positive and desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- Cooperates by complying with all school policies, regulations, and codes of student conduct
- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, academic integrity, and reliability
- Regularly exhibits courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Complies with instructions and rules; displays personal responsibility

The Faculty Council will take the above criterion into consideration in regards to character, along with any detentions, student referrals, or other documented disciplinary actions involving the student.

VII Signature

I understand that completing and submitting this form does not guarantee selection to the Boys State Summer Program. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate.

Student Signature

Date

I/we have reviewed the Boys State Packet provided to us by Juan Diego Academy. In addition, I/we have read the information submitted by my son/ daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Parent

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

E mail _____ Phone _____

Return completed form directly to Dr. Carroll no later than February 12th.