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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS READ VERY CAREFULLY

TO: Delegates New Mexico Boys' State:

You have been selected to represent your school and your community at the 2024 Session of New Mexico Boys' State to be held the week of June 2nd thru June 7th, 2024 at the Eastern New Mexico University campus, Portales, New Mexico. These instructions are provided to help you make necessary arrangements and to understand what is expected of you.

WHAT TO DO IN ADVANCE

1. Contact The American Legion at once, (if there is one in your community) to arrange the details of your transportation. (See further transportation details below). The American Legion Post will work with you to make sure arrangements are made.
2. The **Medical Statement** enclosed must be completed by you and your parents or guardian, **Signed and Notarized**. Bring the completed form with you. **No boy will be admitted without it.**
3. **Very Important:** If you cannot attend, notify your High School Principal, your Alternate, your Sponsor and the Boys' State office at once so that the Alternate selected may arrange to attend. Failure to do this will result in your sponsor losing the \$200.00 sponsorship fee and you will deprive another boy from attending. **You are responsible.**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is restricted to high school juniors who complete the Boys State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war (Korea 1950-1953), (WWI 1914-1918), (WWII 1941-1945), (Vietnam 1961-1975, (Grenada 1983) officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership. **If you are eligible, complete the ONLINE application;** <http://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application> A Scholarship will be awarded during the session in May, and then that recipient will be eligible for a Scholarship at the National Level.
- The eight separate scholarships below use the same application that is enclosed.

- American Legion “Gordon / Hidalgo Memorial” Scholarship. (1) \$500.00
- American Legion "Bryan Mudgett-T.J. Trevino Post 7" Scholarship, (2) \$500.00
- American Legion “T.J. Trevino Memorial” Scholarship, (1) \$500.00
- American Legion “Otero-Garcia-Navarrete Post 72” Scholarship. (1) \$500.00
- American Legion “Luther Otero Memorial” Scholarship. (1) \$500.00
- American Legion “Rio Rancho Post 118" Scholarship. (2) \$500.00

If you require a paper copy of the applications please let us know and we will mail them to you.

Please bring your completed Scholarship Applications with you to Boys’ State and turn in when registering. DO NOT MAIL! No applications will be accepted after registration is completed.

All Scholarships will be awarded at Boys State.

ABOUT TRANSPORTATION

- **Portales** can be easily reached by car or bus from almost anywhere in the state. Transportation will not be arranged for you, to and from **Portales**. If you come into **Portales** by bus and need transportation to the Campus, phone Tony Navarrete at (505) 328-1913 to arrange for a pickup.
- If you travel by private means, drive directly to the school and report to Boys’ State Headquarters in **Eddy Hall**.

Check-in will begin Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 10:00am until 1:00 pm, no matter how you travel; it is mandatory that you reach the Hall by 1:00 pm Sunday. The session will close Friday June 7, 2024 by 10:00 am.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BOYS’ STATE

When you return home we urge you to contact your sponsoring organization and find out when you can appear before its membership and make your Boys’ State Report. In making your report you may find the outline below of some help to you if you choose to follow it:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When and where held 2. School of instruction 3. Inauguration 4. What I did at Boys’ State 5. What impressed me most 6. City-County organizations and political parties. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Assemblies and Talent Show 8. Recreation and food 9. What Boys’ State taught me. 10. Thank your sponsor and recommend he/she sponsor a boy again. |
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Remember; contact them as soon as possible. Let them know how much you have appreciated the chance to attend Boys' State.

If there are any questions contact your local American Legion Post or write to New Mexico Boys' State, 1215 Mountain Rd. N.E. Albuquerque, N.M. 87102, and they will be happy to assist you in any way they can. Phone number: (505) 247-0400.

I offer you hearty congratulations on your selection as a delegate to New Mexico Boys' State sponsored by the American Legion, Department of New Mexico. This is a high honor, marking you as one of the outstanding young men of your community. But also, you must realize that it carries a great responsibility to your sponsor, your school and your community.

The program has been developed by The American Legion to develop leadership skills among the American youth who will be the leading citizens of tomorrow; and to teach how our democratic government operates to carry out the will of the people. Boys' State is not a recreational camp. It is a course of study and must, out of necessity, follow a close work schedule.

It is essential that you read very carefully all of the enclosed instructions, paying particular attention to the things that you must do before you start for Boys' State. Take care of these things immediately so there is no last minute hitch.

We promise to give you some instruction that will increase your usefulness as a citizen and leader. Each boy attending will have been selected, as you were, for exceptional ability and character. We believe you will learn a great deal. We hope in addition that you have a lot of fun and will make fine friendships, which will continue through the years to come.

We look forward to seeing you at Boys' State.

Sincerely,



Ralph Kemp, Executive Director
New Mexico Boys' State

New Mexico Boys' State Medical Statement

**** No Delegate, under any circumstances, will be admitted without this form. Be sure to bring it with you signed by you and your parent or guardian. This form must be notarized.****

Please type or print legibly

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SSN: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____



DELEGATE'S STATEMENT

Have you ever had: (Check those that apply) Measles _____ Mumps _____ Chicken Pox _____
Diphtheria _____ Hernia _____ Scarlet Fever _____ Small Pox _____ Infantile Paralysis _____
Heart Trouble _____

Date: _____ Signature of Delegate: _____



PARENT OR GUARDIAN STATEMENT

I certify that my son does not have any contagious diseases YES _____ NO _____

Smoking Release: I hereby grant permission for my son to smoke while on campus for New Mexico Boys' State. I understand that smoking will only be allowed at designated times and in designated areas. I release the American Legion, New Mexico Boys' State staff and all related entities from any responsibility regarding my son's smoking. Agree ____ Disagree ____ N/A ____

He can _____ cannot _____ participate in all athletic events.

Does he have any physical restrictions? _____

Is he being treated for any medical conditions(s)? YES _____ NO _____. If yes, explain on back of form.

List all current or "as needed" medications: _____

Medication Allergies: _____

Name of family Physician and/or Clinic: _____

NAME

ADDRESS

Name of Health Care Insurance Co. _____

Policy Number: _____

Please send a copy of Insurance Verification Card or statement if possible.

Boys' State insurance will cover whatever your insurance will not. If you do not have Health Care Insurance Boys' State insurance will cover him in case of accident or illness during the Boys' State session.

I hereby give my consent for Emergency or Medical treatment for my son by an accredited Hospital, Doctor, or Medical Technicain if necessary, while attending Boys' State.

I certify that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

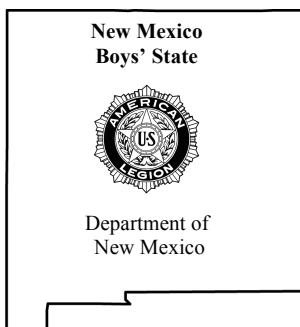
Date: _____ Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____

State of New Mexico, County of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, _____

By _____

My Commission expires: _____ NOTARY PUBLIC



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GENERAL RULES

Citizens of Boys' State are here chiefly to learn how government is conducted through actual practice. You will, as far as possible, govern yourself accordingly. All Counselors are here to advise you on any problems or procedure.

- A. Absence from the grounds of the school will be possible only by written permission from the Director. Such permission will be granted only in case of emergency.
- B. Boys' State will be policed by the Boys' State system inherent to the city, county and state under the direction of the counseling staff; ordinances, resolutions and laws passed by the city, county and state will be enforced.
- C. All building and equipment are either the property of Boys' State or Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.
- D. **VANDALISM:** Anyone caught in the act of willful destruction will be reported to the Director for further action.
- E. No recreational activities will be permitted except during official recreational periods. At all other times Citizens will be attending to their duties.
- F. Sick call will be observed. Every illness, particularly colds, fevers and stomach disorders must be reported immediately. Every accident, no matter how slight, particularly cuts, sprains, scratches and blisters must be reported to your Counselor at once. Do not wait for sick call.
- G. Formations: In order to move from place to place quickly and efficiently and in an orderly and safe manner, cities will meet at designated places and will march informally to their destinations.
- H. Badges and T-shirts: Must be worn at all times except at bedtime and recreational periods. Clip your badge on the upper left-hand corner of the Boys' State emblem on your t-shirt.
- I. Smoking: Citizens may smoke only if a parent has signed the included release form. Smoking will be in designated areas only. Smoking in rooms, dormitories or buildings will not be permitted at any time.
- J. Exercise: All Citizens will participate in brief, relaxed exercise sessions each morning.
- K. Punctuality is required for all formations, such as lowering of the colors and assemblies and as designated by your counselor.
- L. You are encouraged to take part in voluntary morning invocations.
- M. You must salute the Flag of our Country.
- N. Campaign material pre-printed or otherwise will not be allowed.
- O. Boys' State materials, including, t-shirts will not be defaced in any manner.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will treat Boys' State staff, citizens, guests, campus personnel and others with respect.
2. I will not discriminate against, harass, or otherwise target any Boys' State staff, citizens, guests, or others based on their religion, race, color, creed, national origin, or any characteristic, physical or otherwise.
3. I will not engage in profanity, vulgarity or rowdiness; I will not use religious, racial, ethnic, or any other disparaging epithets and will conduct myself as a gentleman at all times.
4. I will be available for the entire Boys' State session and will not request permission for late arrival or early departure unless an emergency arises.
5. I will not leave campus without permission in writing from the Director.
6. I will protect and conserve all Boys' State or campus property. I will not trespass upon grounds, buildings, etc., which are designated as off limits.
7. I will write email, text or facebook my family while at Boys' State.
8. I will not bring firearms, knives, fireworks, water pistols, balloons, or any other device which may cause injury or disturbance.
9. I will not bring or use any alcoholic beverages or unlawful drugs while at Boys' State.
10. I will listen to all speakers with attention and respect and expect all others to do the same while speaking.
11. I will not campaign or prepare campaign material prior to my arrival on campus.
12. I will abide by lights out times and remain quiet until morning reveille.
13. I will keep myself clean and well groomed. I will keep my quarters clean, organized and up to the inspection standards given by the Boys' State staff.
14. I will accept responsibility of payment for destruction of the Eastern New Mexico University, Boys' State or other property, which I may have caused or may be stated orally during the session.

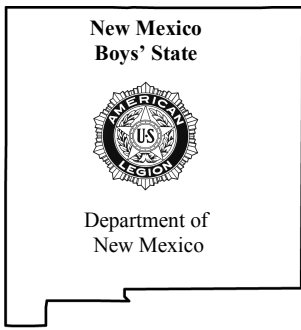
I have read and understand the General Rules and Code of Conduct of New Mexico Boys' State. My signature and that of my guardian constitute an agreement to abide by these rules and regulations as well as any additional rules stated orally during the session.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Note: Please sign and bring this form, along with your **Medical Statement, Photo Release and Smoking Release** (if you are a smoker) with you and turn in at Registration. **THESE FORMS ARE A MUST!**

If you bring your own car, your keys must be turned in to the Director/State Police upon arrival at New Mexico Boys' State.



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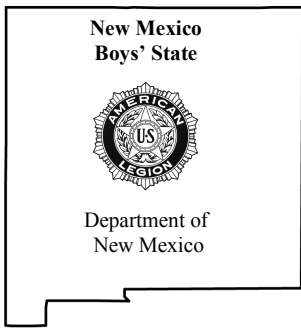
Photo Release

I _____, hereby grant the American Legion permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications relating to New Mexico Boys' State. I understand and agree that these materials will become property of the American Legion and will not be returned. I further waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

I am the parent/guardian of the student named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing.

Signature of Parent/Guarding: _____ Date: _____



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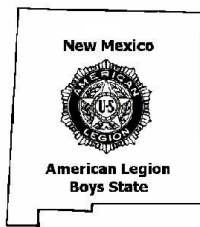
Smoking Release

I, _____ (parent/guardian), hereby grant permission for
_____ (student) to smoke while on campus for New Mexico Boys'
State. I understand that smoking will only be allowed at designated times and in designated
areas. I release the American Legion, New Mexico Boys' State staff, and all related entities
from any responsibility regarding my student's smoking. **My student will keep this form on
his person if he chooses to smoke for any of the designated somoking times.**

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guarding: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____



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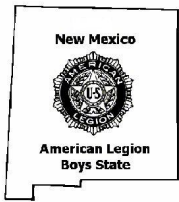


Scholarship Application Directions

ELIGIBILITY: High school juniors who are a delegate to the American Legion Boys State program.

Completing a scholarship application can be a difficult task. Below are some tips to help you complete your application.

1. Application must be typed.
2. Do not attach any documents or additional pages to this application, except as required.
3. Review the entire application before completing it. If a field is left blank, it could count against you. If you do not want to answer a question, put a reason in the field.
4. Proofread your essays and applications in addition to having at least one other person proofread your application. Spelling errors or poor writing skills will have a negative effect on your chances of receiving the scholarship.
5. Never submit an application with words that have been crossed out, or something that has incomplete sentences, poor grammar, and misspellings.
6. Use a computer to prepare your final document. Applications are not accepted, if they are handwritten.
7. Each application is judged on its own merit so include any information that makes you exceptional and a good candidate to receive the award.
8. Keep a copy of everything you submit!
9. Pay close attention to scholarship application deadlines as applications submitted past the deadline will not be considered. The application is submitted when you arrive at Boys State as part of the registration process.



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Application must be typed. Do not attach any documents or additional pages to this application, except as required.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Telephone () _____ Date of Birth Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

High School Record – This section is to be completed by a high school official. (May be handwritten.)

Number of students in high school _____ Number of students in applicant's class _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ GPA scale is _____ (i.e. 4 point, 6 point, 12 point, etc.)

Class Rank _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

SAT Scores Math _____ Verbal _____ Written _____ Total _____ **and/or** ACT Score _____

Signature _____ Date _____ **Type/print name and title**
Affix school stamp or seal

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GPA _____ Class Rank _____ SAT/ACT Score _____ Activities _____ Honors & Awards _____

Descendant of Korean War Veteran _____ Community Service/Volunteerism _____ Total _____

Father's name and occupation:

Mother's name and occupation:

List brothers and/or sisters and their ages.

NAME	AGE
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Please indicate your job or work experiences. List dates "from – to." List number of hours per week/month and total hours. List any responsibilities/accomplishments.

Describe your most significant challenge or accomplishment and explain its value to your life.

Explain your long-range goals for school and career. Describe what specific skills and personal values you want to foster in yourself to achieve these ends.

Describe any “community service /volunteerism” activities in which you have been involved during your high school career (grades nine through eleven). If your “community service/volunteerism” was required, explain why.

Activities - List the clubs, teams, and organizations you belonged to or participated in during grades nine (9) through eleven (11). List the dates you participated (mm/yy), number of hours. per week or month, total hours and accomplishments or honors earned.

State/National Awards and Honors. List up to five state or national awards/honors you have received. (For example, All-State Choir, National Merit Semifinalist.)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

School/Local Awards and Honors. List up to five school or local awards/honors you have received. (For example, DAR Good Citizen Award, American Legion All-Star, 4-H, Scholastic Athlete Award.)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

What do you like to do for fun and/or enjoyment?

CERTIFICATION

If I am selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to The American Legion to use my likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program. I understand and agree that the Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final. I have completed the scholarship application. I grant permission to the school of higher education I attend to release information concerning my enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to The American Legion for use in administering my scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that, falsification of information will result in termination of the American Legion Scholarship.

Date _____

Student Signature

If my child is selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to The American Legion to use my child's likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program. I understand and agree that the Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final. My child has completed the scholarship application. I grant permission to the school of higher education my child attends to release information concerning my child's enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to The American Legion for use in administering my child's scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that, falsification of information will result in termination of the American Legion Boys State Scholarship.

Date

Parent's Signature

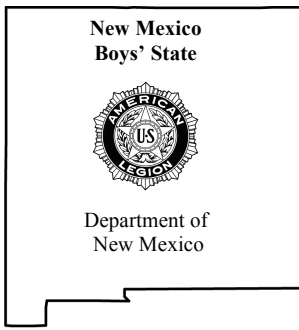
Note: 1. If a legal guardian signs this certification, all personal pronouns shall be deemed to be read as if singular and not plural and 2. a copy of the appointment of the legal guardian signing must be attached.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUR BOYS STATE PROGRAM OFFICIALS AS DIRECTED.

The Rules and Conditions under which the scholarships are awarded and the program administered shall be:

1. The Selection Committee of The American Legion Boy's State Program will select scholarship recipients.
2. The American Legion Scholarships recipients will have two (2) years to utilize their scholarship funds from the date of graduation from high school, excluding any time spent on active military duty or church mission.
3. *The American Legion Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. college or University. The recipients must be enrolled as a fulltime student to request his scholarship funds.*
4. The scholarship funds may only be used to defray necessary costs of the student's education (i.e. tuition, room & board, books & supplies, fees and equipment required by the student's particular course of study or school).
5. Scholarship checks will be issued upon receipt of a "Request for Funds" form. It is the normal and customary procedure that the scholarship check will be a two-party check made payable to the student and school. Students who have not requested their award will receive one (1) written notice reminding them of their award and the time limits remaining to receive their award.
6. Unused scholarship funds will be returned to the scholarship trust fund for future awards.

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WHAT TO BRING

1. Bring a hand-bag, duffle bag or other container (tagged with your name and address) and the following items:
 - a. Pillow & pillow case
 - b. 3 towels
 - c. Pajamas
 - d. 2 single bed sheets
 - e. Toiletries
 - f. Underwear
 - g. 1 light blanket or sleeping bag
 - h. Handkerchiefs
 - i. Socks
 - j. 1 pair long trousers for Inaugural
2. Boys' State T-Shirts will be issued and must be worn at all times. Dress-up and fancy duds are not needed. You will need a light jacket or sweater, as the evenings are sometimes cool.
3. Be sure to bring a notebook and pencils.
4. If you have a camera, you may want to bring it or use your cellphone. You will take pictures, which will be treasured keepsakes of your stay at Boys' State.
5. Bring equipment for your favorite sports. Facilities will be available for basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball and gym activities. All Citizens are expected to participate in some form of recreation if physically able; gym shoes are a must to use gym facilities.
6. If you play a musical instrument, don't fail to bring it. A Boys' State Band will be organized Sunday afternoon and will perform at all important functions.
7. A Talent Show will be organized and any deligate may volunteer to participate.

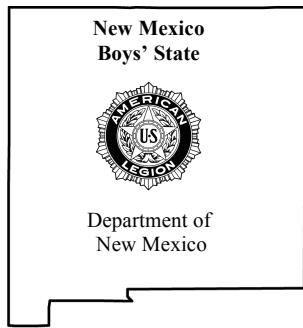
AFTER YOU REACH BOYS' STATE

1. **Immediately upon arrival, you will report to Boys' State Headquarters for registration and assignment of quarters. Your medical slip and signed forms & scholarship applications must be turned in when you register.**
2. **Your mailing address will be: N.M. Boys' State, Eastern New Mexico University Portales, New Mexico 88130.**
3. **Medical Care:** Adequate medical care will be provided during the session. Every precaution will be taken to prevent injury or illness. New Mexico Boys' State cannot be responsible for such that may occur. Every boy will be protected by insurance while at Boys' State. **Policy covers excess over individuals own, family insurance or all if family has no insurance. Be aware of the name of your family's insurance company.**
4. **Automobiles:** If you bring an automobile, motorcycle, etc. to Boys' State, you will be required to park it there during the session and will not be permitted to use it except by special permission from the Director in case of an emergency. You will be required to turn in your keys to the State Police. Boys' State will not be held responsible for any damage to your vehicle.

5. **Journal:** Every boy is expected to keep a record of the activities of Boys' State in order to be able to make a complete report to his sponsor and school upon his return from Boys' State.
6. **Sports:** Part of every afternoon will be directed to recreation. All activities will be under the direction of competent instructors. All citizens, if physically able, should plan to participate in some recreation activity. Bring your own personal equipment.
7. **Canteen:** A canteen will be operated on campus where you can purchase candy, soft drinks and chips, etc. Do not bring a lot of money or **valuables** with you.
8. **Counselors:** The Boys' State Counseling staff and instructors have been very carefully selected. It is made up of men/women who are dedicated and who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship and proficiency in their chosen fields and who volunteer their services for the week to assist you and assure the success of this program. Included are Teachers, Lawyers, Businessman, Political Statesmen and Representatives of many other professions and endeavors.
9. **Awards:** At the close of the session, each boy will receive a beautiful pin and a certificate of attendance. Every citizen elected or appointed to any office also receives a special certificate. Two Boys will be selected to represent New Mexico at Boys' Nation in Washington, D.C. in July, with all expenses paid by New Mexico Boys' State.
10. **No Firearms, Explosives or Knives will be permitted:** No gambling in any form will be tolerated. Citizens will not be allowed off campus without special written permission from the Director. The Director of Boys' State has the right to expel any boy who willfully commits violations of the rules or for misconduct. (Without refund to the Sponsor).

Finally: If after carefully reading these instructions, there is anything you do not understand, address your questions to New Mexico Boys' State, 1215 Mountain Rd. NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87102, or phone (505) 247-0400.

It is important that you bring all this material with you to Boys' State. You will need to refer to it and other instructions, as we are unable to supply additional copies to you. A daily schedule will be given to you when you reach Boys' State in your registration packet. Our staff, both administrative and counseling, will exert every effort to make your week at Boys' State an experience you will never forget. In the final analysis, what you get out of it will depend on you.



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TO: All Delegates to New Mexico Boys' State

SUBJECT: Check list of what to do and bring with you.

- _____ Read all information in packets very carefully.
- _____ ***Bring with you***, Medical Statement (complete and signed by parent/guardian, and notarized), **do not** send this with your application.
- _____ Band instrument (if you would like to join the Boys' State Band).
- _____ Notebook & Pencils
- _____ Equipment for favorite sports (tennis equip., gym shorts for indoors, etc.)
- _____ Camera & film (if desired)
- _____ Pillow & pillowcase
- _____ Blanket & 2 (two) twin size sheets (twin bed)
- _____ Towels
- _____ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- _____ Pajamas
- _____ Socks
- _____ Handkerchiefs
- _____ Long Trousers for inaugural (no exceptions).
- _____ Duffle bag or suitcase tagged with name & address
- _____ Special medications if needed (contact the Medical Officer on arrival when you turn in Medical Form).
- _____ Know your mode of transportation to & from Portales
- _____ Contact your local American Legion Post, Sponsor, or Department Office
- _____ Re-check packet & instructions very carefully
- _____ ***MEDICAL STATEMENT, SIGNED AND NOTERIZED!! YOU MUST HAVE IT WITH YOU!!***
- _____ ***SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION(S)***

!!TURN IN AT REGISTRATION!!

Re-check everything!! Any questions, call your local Post or the Department. Don't guess and make mistakes!!