



**AMERICAN LEGION / AUXILIARY  
BOYS AND GIRLS STATE CHECKLIST**



**2019**

- Our Post Boys and Girls State Coordinators are: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- My local high schools are: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our target number: BOYS: \_\_\_\_\_ GIRLS: \_\_\_\_\_
- My high school contacts are (**social studies teacher**, guidance counselor, alumni, etc):  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Email: \_\_\_\_\_, Ph: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Email: \_\_\_\_\_, Ph: \_\_\_\_\_.
- December: **GET LIST** of top prospects from your high school contact. Parent names and addresses.
- Dec/Jan: **FIRST CONTACT**. Parent letters go out nominating candidates.
- January: **FOLLOW-UP PHONE CALL** to parents one week after letter is sent.
- Jan / Feb: Parent and candidate meeting at high school or Post. Sell program. Ask for **FUNDING**.
- February: **INTERVIEW** candidates.
- February: Present your candidates to the local **SCHOOL BOARD**.
- February: Pix and write-up in the **LOCAL NEWSPAPER**.
- March: Application signing **CELEBRATION** at post, restaurant, banquet hall, etc.
- December thru May  
 Solicit Funds ~ Locate Area Alumni ~ Recruit ~ Seek Department Scholarships ~ Facebook
- NOTES:

On Facebook: Post 98 Boys and Girls State



March 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR BOYS / GIRLS STATE CANDIDATES

FROM: American Legion Post 98, 320 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Big Rapids, Michigan

SUBJECT: Interview Times & Protocol

**Sunday, March 18, 2018**

**Shirt Sz.**

**Text #**

1:00	Tucker Hathaway		
1:20	Elizabeth Mishler		
1:40	Meghan Langworthy		
2:00	Brooklyn Morneau		
2:20			
2:40	Margaret Harrington		
3:00	Madison Grover		
3:20	Kamryn Cushway		
3:40	David McInnis		
4:00	Shamus Collins		
4:20	Jameika Green		
4:40	Madison Hammer		
5:00	Saif Abdulameer		
5:20	Teagan Jones		
5:40	Chase Miller		
6:00	Megan Schultz		

**Monday, March 19**

4:30	Peyton Thompson		
4:50	Casey Bouman		
5:10	Logan Youngs		
5:30	Cecelia Debold		
5:50	Teddy Adams		
6:10	Madison Hamilton		
6:30	Rockford Dorman		
6:50	Connor Kinnally		

**Tuesday, March 20**

4:30	Grayson Marshall		
4:50	Xander Wahl		
5:10			
5:30	Sam Venema		
5:50	Gabriel McDaniel		
6:10			
6:30			
6:50			

More on Back...

The following types of questions / statements will be asked by the panel (5 members):

Current Events – Local, State, National	Personal Biography Info
Opinionated Questions	Accomplishments Past, Present
Current People in Government – State and National	General Knowledge Boys / Girls State
Scenarios - General Local, State, and National Issues	Future Plans

ATTIRE: Business Casual  
Boys - Long sleeve shirt, slacks, tie.  
Girls – Blouse (blazer optional), slacks, or skirt.

LOCATION: AmVets/Legion Post, 320 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Big Rapids

PRIMARY and SECONDARY CHOICES: Email, Text, or Phone reply for your choices. I'll be updating the time slots every two days for the next two weeks. (Done)

Parents are welcomed and highly encouraged to accompany their son and daughter to the interview.

Please contact me as soon as you can if these times don't work or there's a change in your status. In April, all delegates will be introduced to their prospective school boards at their monthly meetings (BRHS, CCA, CHHS, MOISD, EHS). More to follow on the fund-raisers (April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>) and don't forget about our annual Post 98 Boys/Girls State alumni celebration and delegate application signing on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00, MOISD. On behalf of Post 98 commander, Bill Semar, we look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Mark S. Brejcha*

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**HARRY K. KUNZIE POST 98  
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BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49307**



Spring 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians

On behalf of the Commander, Mr. Bill Semar, local American Legion Post 98, it's my distinct pleasure to let you know that your son/daughter has been nominated to attend the Michigan Boys and Girls State Program. Boys State is held on the campus of **Grand Valley State University** and Girls State will take place at **Michigan State University**; both during the week of June 17 – 23, 2018. Please take a look at these web sites for additional information.

<http://www.michiganboysstate.org>

<http://michalaux.org/girls-state/>

On Facebook: Post 98 Boys and Girls State

The American Legion Boys State program and the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program teach young men and young women in their junior year of high school the function of government, a glimpse of life in a college dorm setting, leadership, management, and communication skills. In the course of 7 days they will also develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Candidates are comprised of some of the state's brightest and most promising future leaders.

Some former Boys/Girls State participants are: astronaut **Neil Armstrong**, Alabama football coach **Nick Saban**, anchorman **Tom Brokaw**, President **Bill Clinton**, basketball legend **Michael Jordan**, actor **Mark Wahlberg**, Miss Virginia **Nancy Redd**, US Air Force Academy Superintendent, General **Michelle Johnson**, former Texas Governor **Ann Richards**, and locally, Big Rapids Schools Superintendent, **Tim Haist**:

“Boys and Girls State provides each individual student with a hands-on learning experience, which will help them gain a better understanding of how government and politics work. All participants are given the opportunity to use an interactive process to problem-solve real-world scenarios. The process of working through these scenarios, with other students, will allow participants to learn leadership skills that they will be able to use in current and future endeavors.”

Tim Haist, 1993 Michigan Boys State

Between now and Memorial Day, we'll be raising funds to send a select group of candidates from both Big Rapids High School and Crossroads Charter Academy. The cost is \$400 per student. Last year we raised over \$10K and sent a record number – 15 boys and 11 girls. *See the back page for a list of recent local alumni.*

If you feel like this is a possibility for your son/daughter, let's talk further. My contact information is below. We're asking for RSVP's, both yes and no, back to us by the end of January. A phone call or email reply will do the trick. Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Mark S. Brejcha*





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Spring 2018

Dear Sponsor

Happy Spring! It's an honor to be writing you as a potential financial supporter for our nation's most prestigious youth citizenry program – **Boys and Girls State**. Annually, over 20,000 high school juniors across the country participate. In addition, over \$300K is given in the form of scholarships. Famous alumni include:

Astronaut **Neil Armstrong**, President **Bill Clinton**, Basketball Legend **Michael Jordan**, Superintendent of USAF Academy Lt. General **Michelle Johnson**, Texas Governor **Ann Richards**, Journalist **Tom Brokaw**, 2003 Miss Virginia **Nance Redd**, 2011 Heisman Trophy Winner, **Robert Griffin III**, and Big Rapids Public Schools Superintendent **Tim Haist**. Thousands of America's best and brightest have attended!

**BACK OF THIS LETTER...PLEASE READ POST 98 BOYS/GIRLS STATE STAKEHOLDERS REPORT**

This year, **Michigan Boys State**, sponsored by the American Legion, will be held during the week of June 17-23 at Grand Valley State University. **Michigan Girls State**, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, will be held on the same dates on the campus of Michigan State University.

In the last three years, Post 98 sponsored 22 boys and 25 girls from Big Rapids High School and Crossroads Charter Academy. These are incredible numbers. The cost is **\$400** per student. This is very reasonable when you consider this involves six days of meals, dorms, educational supplies and seminars.

**This year – another solid group of delegates - 27 students so far! Like last year, our goal is to send EVERY eligible candidate.**

Please take a moment to read the enclosed brochure and visit the websites. It explains in detail what the programs are all about. Also visit our **Facebook** page: *Post 98 Boys and Girls State*. **We cannot send a single student without community support. This is where you come in.** \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$400...if you would like to financially support the program—thanks! The self-stamped envelope will help expedite your donation. Our fund-raising campaign is **NOW** and we appreciate your partnership with us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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# POST 98 - BIG RAPIDS MICHIGAN BOYS AND GIRLS STATE 2018 STAKEHOLDERS REPORT



## ATTENDEES:

	BOYS	GIRLS	
2015	2	3	
2016	5	9	(Kiara Cushway awarded \$1000 Samsung Scholarship)
2017	15	13	(3 From Crossroads Charter Academy)
2018 (so far)	13	15	(4 From Crossroads Charter, 1 From Chip Hills)

## SCHOLARSHIPS FROM DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN LEGION:

	BOYS	GIRLS	
2015	1	1	
2016	2	2	
2017	5*	4	(* = 2 Scholarships from Sons of Am Legion)
2018	2	0	(2 so far from Sons of the Am Legion)

## DONATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

2015	\$1,200	
2016	\$4,000	
2017	\$10,200	
2018	\$4,000	(As of Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> )

**TARGET FOR 2018: \$10,000+**





## FUNDING OPTIONS FOR:

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

- Full Funding.** Our family can financially support our candidate. Enclosed is \$400.
- Seeking Partial Scholarship.** Our family can financially support our candidate with \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Seeking Full Scholarship.**

**Place this memo sheet along with check or money order in envelope provided.**

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