

CHANGING LIVES – SAVING LIVES

American Legion youth programs instill values, develop responsible citizens and inspire future U.S. leaders.

Youth mentorship is one prominent way former members of the U.S. Armed Forces in The American Legion live up to the motto, "Veterans Strengthening America." Around the

world, they passionately provide structure, guidance, education and opportunity for young people to better understand their nation, contribute to it and achieve their dreams.

Today, more than ever, donation-funded American Legion youth programs brighten the future by showing young men and women what

it means to live, compete, serve and lead in a free nation.

Your charitable gift will help The American Legion continue its mission, one community at a time, through youth programs that have made life-changing differences for nearly a century. No other organization has the same kind of impact for so many young Americans.

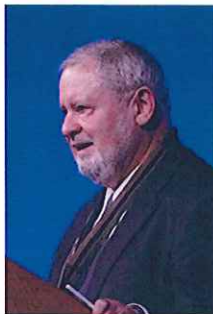


Boys State and Boys Nation

Each year, more than **16,000** young men learn firsthand how state and federal government function in a democracy.

"The first step in studying and understanding the Constitution is that it is meant to empower as well as protect us. We are responsible for it. I urge you to learn everything you can about it, which I know you do, because I went to Boys State."

- Hillsdale College President
Larry P. Arnn, 2021



Oratorical Contests

Nearly **2,500** teens a year learn the U.S. Constitution and how to speak fluently about it, with the opportunity to win hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships at the local, state and national levels.

\$6.42
million

Amount in scholarships presented to 2,962 competitors in **The American Legion National Oratorical Contest** since its inception.



"This contest achieved something that many classrooms and schools across America simply cannot achieve. It has taught thousands, myself included, how to become stronger as a person and how to use that strength to protect the ideals of the Constitution."

- 2019 National American Legion Oratorical Contest winner Patrick Junker, Waukee, Iowa

16,067

American Legion Boys State participants sponsored by local posts in 2023.



Junior Shooting Sports

More than **2,300** American Legion clubs worldwide impart the values of discipline, gun safety and sportsmanship each year to nearly **12,000** competitors, who strive to be the very best and earn college scholarships.



11,811

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports competitors in 2022-23.



18,547 American Legion School Award medals presented in 2022-23 to students graduating from elementary school, junior high, high school or college who exemplify six qualities of character: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service.



Baseball

American Legion Baseball is much more than a game. It is an oath to work hard, dedicate oneself to fitness, good sportsmanship, community service and responsible citizenship. Nearly **50,000** athletes play on approximately **3,000** American Legion Baseball teams each year.



7,583

Participants in American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement programs in 2022-23.



\$622,500

Amount in American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year scholarships awarded since 1983.

\$2,014,236

Amount American Legion posts donated to local Scouting units in 2022-23.