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"A WEEK THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE"

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JERSEY BOYS STATE EXPANDS TO EVERY NJ HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Pilot Program Opens Access to All Qualifying Students at NJ High Schools and Home Schools

-- Deadline to Apply is March 3, 2017 --

TRENTON, NJ – For the first time in its 72-year history, American Legion Jersey Boys State [ALJBS] is opening its application process to any qualifying high school junior. Previously, only those students who were sponsored by a local American Legion post were eligible to apply to ALJBS. Students who are interested in attending the week-long, college-level seminar held at Rider University on June 18-23, 2017, are invited to apply online at ALJBS.org by Friday, March 3.

“In our 72nd year, Jersey Boys State continues to innovate new ways to get more students involved in our hands-on leadership and civics program,” said David S. Bagatelle, Director of ALJBS. “With this pilot program, Jersey Boys State is now accessible to every community, every high school, and every eligible student in New Jersey.”

ALJBS is an experience that educates and motivates New Jersey’s youth so that each statesman may become a citizen leader dedicated to service, respect, and Americanism. Together, the students form the mythical “51st” state of the union each year, where they elect their own local, state, and national representatives. Activities at ALJBS include legislative sessions, general assemblies, court proceedings, athletics, band, and career seminars, among many others. Alumni of ALJBS include Governor Chris Christie, Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, and Congressman Leonard Lance, among many others.

[Students may visit aljbs.org for more information about the pilot program.](http://aljbs.org)

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