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Dear Mr. Guernsey and the American Legion,

First off, I would like to wish that all is well at the Post and your personal lives. I would like to thank you and the Post for the opportunity of sponsoring me to go to Boys State. This was by far the most memorable experience of my summer. The camaraderie, the values, and the discipline made for a great learning experience.

Learning about our country's history, our values, and our government, being able to be a part of a mock government with a thousand young men, singing the national anthem, patriotic songs, all made for an experience of being a part of something greater. This is something that young men, especially myself, have been looking for. Before this experience, I was slightly interested in joining the military. But just 6 days of spending time with veterans and current military members, pushed me toward wanting to join. In which the day after Boys State, I contacted my local Army recruiter. Now, I plan on enrolling in an Army ROTC program at the college I chose to go to.

I can not thank you enough for the amazing experience I have been provided, and I will encourage anyone who wants to better themselves, learn leadership skills, and learn about our country to participate in this great program.

Best Regards,
Stuart Bond