

U.S. Senate Youth Program 2020-2021 Application

Overview

The United States Senate Youth Program was established in 1962 and offers a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. The annual program is held every March in Washington, D.C. Two student delegates from each state spend a week experiencing their national government in action. The delegates hear major policy addresses by U.S. senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Hearst Foundations provide all transportation, hotel and meal expenses. Additionally, each delegate receives a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science.

Eligibility

The Hearst Foundations stress the following desired qualities in candidates:

- Leadership and public speaking ability;
- High scholastic standing and demonstrated ability to achieve;
- Articulate and logical thought processes;
- Community and public service involvement;
- Participation in a wide selection of activities on and off campus, such as music and sports; and
- Adequate social skills to participate in a large and dynamic group with relative ease.

In Ohio, the program is open to juniors or seniors attending public or private schools. ***The student must be serving in an elected or appointed capacity representing the student body*** in any one of the following student government, civic or education organizations during the 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer;
- b. Class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer;
- c. Student Council representative; or
- d. Student representative elected or appointed (appointed by a panel, commission or board) to a district, regional or state-level civic and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator.

Each student **must be a legal permanent resident or citizen of the United States** at the time of application. Additionally, he or she must be a junior or senior enrolled the entire academic year in a public or private high school located in the state in which either one or both parents or guardians legally reside. *A student attending a school in Ohio whose parents' or guardians' legal residence is outside of Ohio or a student attending a school outside of Ohio but whose parents or guardians reside in Ohio are not eligible.* A student selected to be one of the two Ohio delegates must attend the Washington program in March 2021.

Selection Process

Selection of a delegate or alternate for the U.S. Senate Youth Program involves four steps:

- Step One: The applicant must be selected to and attend Buckeye Boys State, Buckeye Girls State or the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program. The sponsoring organizations for these programs will provide applications to interested participants.
- Step Two: The U.S. Senate Youth Program application form must be completed in its entirety and submitted at one of the programs identified in Step One.
- Step Three: The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program selection committees review the submitted applications for their respective programs. Semifinalists are selected and their applications are submitted to the Ohio Department of Education.
- Step Four: The Department reviews the nominees' applications and verifies the information with the home schools. If eligible, semi-finalists take the United States Senate Youth Program Qualifying Test in the fall of 2020. The Department selects the students based on the qualifying test provided by the Hearst Foundations.

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Please note: All sections must be completed to continue in the selection process. Points will be deducted for information not provided.

Name: _____
First MI Last

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code/4-Digit Ext

Date of Birth: _____

Male Female

Home phone: () _____

Applicant cell phone: () _____

Email address: _____

Parent/Guardian 1: _____

Address (If different from applicant):

Street City State Zip Code

Phone: Home ___ Cell ___ Work ___ () _____ Email address: _____

Parent/Guardian 2: _____

Address (If different from applicant):

Street City State Zip Code

Phone: Home ___ Cell ___ Work ___ () _____ Email address: _____

Grade level during the 2020-2021 school year: ___ Junior ___ Senior

Applicant is a legal permanent resident of the United States. Yes ___ No ___

Complete name and address of high school: _____

School

Street City Zip

School phone: () _____

High School Activities: (list activity and year, list no more than five)

Community Involvement: (list and describe, list no more than five)

Other Activities and Participation: (list other activities in which you participate that further evidence your involvement/participation)

Future Plans: (briefly share both your educational and career plans)

Briefly describe why you should be selected as an Ohio delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

AGREEMENT TO SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Ohio Department of Education must provide the Hearst Foundations (sponsor of the program) personal information about the selected two delegates and two alternates. This information will include each student's address, personal and home phone numbers and email address, and names of parents. This will be done through a protected email portal.

Note: Any application that does not include this page with signatures will be removed from the selection process.

Please provide hand-written signatures below to allow the Department to forward this information in the event of selection.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Student: _____

Date: _____