

U.S. Senate Youth Program 2017-2018 Application

Overview

The United States Senate Youth Program, established in 1962, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. The annual program is held in Washington, D.C., each March. Two student leaders from each state spend a week experiencing their national government in action. Student delegates hear major policy addresses by 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 2017-2018 school year:

- a. Student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer;
- b. Class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer;
- c. Student Council representative;
- 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 permanent resident*** of the United States. Additionally, he or she must be a junior or senior enrolled in a public or private high school located in the state in which either one or both parents or guardian legally resides. *Students attending a school in Ohio whose parents' or guardians' legal residence is outside of Ohio or students attending 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 2018.

**PLEASE DETACH THIS INSTRUCTION PAGE BEFORE
SUBMITTING APPLICATION**

Selection Process

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

- Step One: 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 applications. Semifinalists are selected and their applications are submitted to the Ohio Department of Education.
- Step Four: The Ohio Department of Education reviews the nominees' applications and verifies the information with the home schools. If eligible, semifinalists take the United States Senate Youth Program Qualifying Test. The department selects the students based on the qualifying test provided by the Hearst Foundations.

Submission Instructions

Return completed Senate Youth Application by **June 1, 2017** in the large, self-addressed envelope contained in the Delegate Packet.

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Name: _____
First MI Last

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Date of Birth _____

Male Female

Home phone: (____) _____

Applicant cell phone: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardians(s): _____

Address (If different from applicant):

_____ Street City State Zip Code

Phone: (____) _____

Grade level during the **2017-2018** school year: Junior _____ Senior _____

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

Complete name and address of high school: _____
School

_____ Street City Zip

School phone: (____) _____

Principal's name: _____

Principal's email address: _____

Please provide the name and e-mail address of one high school staff person who is best able to provide an overview of your academic performance, school activities, participation and leadership in the school.

(Name)

(Email address)

Please provide the name and e-mail address of one non-school associated person (not a relative) who is best able to provide an overview of your involvement in non-school activities, civic volunteerism, community service and you as an individual.

(Name)

(Email address)

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Eligibility requires that an applicant must have been elected to a **grade level (class) or student government office** for the 2016-2017 school year, or **elected or selected** (by a panel, commission or board) to a **district-, regional- or state-level civic or educational organization**. To what class/student government office or position have you been elected or named for the 2017-2018 school year? If elections have not yet been held, please note.

Provide the class/student government office or position you have been elected or named for the 2017-2018 school year.

For the following section, respond to each query listing no more than five responses. Do not attach a resume or student portfolio.

Academic Honors and Achievements: (list no more than five)

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

Community Involvement: (list and describe - 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 the students' address, personal and home phone numbers and email address, and name of parents. This will be done through a protected email portal.

Please sign below to allow the Department to provide this information.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Students: _____ Date: _____