**An Opportunity for Extraordinary Student Leaders**

Senate Youth Program ([www.ussenateyouth.org](http://www.ussenateyouth.org))

Members of the United States Senate and directors of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation have endorsed plans for the 59th Annual United States Senate Youth Program Washington Week Online to be held Sunday, March 14 – Thursday, March 18, 2021. Each of the student delegates will receive a **$10,000** William Randolph Hearst college scholarship. The college scholarship and attendance at the Washington Week Online program are one, inseparable award. Delegates must attend all meetings during Washington Week Online in accordance with program rules and policies in order to receive the financial scholarship.

Two high school juniors or seniors from Texas who hold **elective** offices in their schools are selected by the State Commissioner of Education to participate in the Senate Youth Program. This is a highly selective program; any student nominated should be an extremely strong leader with strong communication and interpersonal skills, the initiative to respond to group needs, above average intelligence, and great desire to participate in the American democratic processes.

Principals and Student Council Advisors are asked to jointly nominate their most outstanding student to be considered by a state committee from the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for nomination as a candidate for this program.  **Only one application per school will be accepted.**

**Complete the Student Selection Form and submit it with the required information (noted on page 2) to beverly@tassp.org. Either type information in this form or attach electronic or scanned documents in one email to Beverly. Deadline is November 13, 2020.**

**The primary purposes of the qualifying leadership position must be representation of a constituency and service to others. Selection will be based on the student’s outstanding abilities and demonstrated qualities of leadership in an elected or appointed student office for the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 academic years.** This year only, leadership positions held during the previous academic year (2019-2020) may allow a student to qualify for the 2021 program if typical student leadership elections or appointment opportunities are not available due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program, provided he or she currently is serving in an ***elected*** capacity in any one of the following student body offices and has not previously been a delegate: (a) student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer; (b) class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer; (c) student council representative; (d) National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies); OR an elected or selected (by a panel, commission or board) student representative to a district, regional or state-level civic, service and/or educational organization. Organizations such as FFA, FBLA, Key Club and other national service groups are allowable organizations if the student is serving in an ongoing and active high-level elected or appointed leadership position for the entire academic year. Each student must be a permanent resident of the United States and be enrolled in a secondary school located in the state in which either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides. The names of those students chosen to participate will be announced by the U.S. Senate in February 2021.

*It is the responsibility of the applicant to familiarize themselves with the specifics included in the USSYP Brochure. It specifies what elected office qualifies and what does not qualify for USSYP eligibility.*

* [**Official Brochure**](https://ussenateyouth.org/selection_process_brochure/) **for the selection process of the 2021 U.S. Senate Youth Program**
* [**Senate Youth Program Information**](https://ussenateyouth.org/) **- Link to the official website with details and more information.**

**REQUIRED INFORMATION:**

1. The Senate Youth Program – Student Selection Form
2. A list of all extra-curricular activities in which he/she has participated in school.
(Limited to two 8.5 x 11 one-sided page using 12-point font double-spaced.)
3. A list of all **non-school** involvements, with emphasis on community service.
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4. A statement from the applicant that shows how he/she has demonstrated outstanding ability and qualities of leadership.
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5. Description of future plans including educational and career goals.
(Limit to one 8.5 x 11 one-sided page using 12-point font double-spaced.)
6. His/her rank in class and/or G.P.A.
7. A maximum of two letters of recommendation may be submitted and will be considered in the selection process.

**Applications will be disqualified if any additional documents are included in the email submission of materials requested.**

**Email to: beverly@tassp.org**

***Please click and type information below.***

1. The Senate Youth Program – Student Selection Form:

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| **STUDENT INFORMATION** |
| **Student Full Name:** | **Male:** [ ]  **Female:** [ ]  |
| **Home Address:** | **Age:** |
| **City, State, Zip:** |
| **Student is a permanent resident of the U.S.? Yes:** [ ]  **No:** [ ]  |
| **Grade Level in 2020 – 2021:** | **Educational goal (major/minor):** |
| **Holds what school elective office?** | **Career Goal:** |
| **If the leadership position you listed above is for the 2019-20 school year, please provide an explanation of why you were not able to hold a qualifying leadership position this school year:**  |
| **Home Phone:** | **Student Cell:** |
| **Student E-Mail:** | **Parent E-mail:** |
| **Father (Guardian) Name:** | **Mother (Guardian) Name:** |
| **Father Phone:** | **Mother Phone:** |
| **SCHOOL INFORMATION** |
| **School Name:** |
| **School Address:** |
| **City, State, Zip:** |
| **School Phone:** |
| **Principal Name:** | **Principal Signature:**  |
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4. A statement from the applicant that shows how he/she has demonstrated outstanding ability and qualities of leadership, including the constituency represented in organizations related to student government, education, public affairs, or community service. (Limited to one 8.5 x 11 one-sided page using 12-point font double-spaced.)

5. Description of future plans including educational and career goals.
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6. His/her rank in class and/or G.P.A. You may scan transcript and include as attachment 5.

7. A maximum of two letters of recommendation may be submitted and will be considered in the selection process. Insert at the end of your required attachments.