

UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM -- STUDENT SELECTION FORM

Submission Deadline: **September 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m. CST**



An Opportunity for Extraordinary Student Leaders

United States Senate Youth Program (www.ussenateyouth.org)

Members of the United States Senate and directors of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation have endorsed plans for the 65th Annual United States Senate Youth Program Washington Week to be held **March 6 - 13, 2027**. Each of the student delegates will receive a **\$12,500** William Randolph Hearst college scholarship. The college scholarship and attendance at the Washington Week program are one, inseparable awards. Delegates must attend all meetings during Washington Week in accordance with program rules and policies 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 a 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.**

Final decisions regarding nominations are subject to the judgement and verification of the state selection administrators.

The primary purposes of the qualifying leadership position must be representation of a constituency and service to others. See the [USSYP Selection Process Rules](#) for specific qualifying criteria. 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](#) for the selection process of the 2027 U.S. Senate Youth Program
- [Senate Youth Program Information](#) - Link to the official website with details and more information.
- [TASSP US Senate Youth Information](#) - Texas Application and Upload Links

Complete the Student Selection Form and submit it with the required information (noted on page 2). Save this document on your desktop and then type information into this form, print, get signatures, then scan all documents into one document before uploading it to the UPLOAD link. **The deadline is September 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m. CST.**

Please note: Many USSYP events take place in secure venues, and delegates will need a valid REAL ID compliant driver's license, state-issued ID card or U.S. passport to attend. Delegates and alternates should plan to begin the process to obtain the proper identification immediately after being notified of their selection.

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REQUIRED INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. The Senate Youth Program – Student Selection Form
2. A detailed formatted list of all **extra-curricular** activities in which applicant has participated in school (Limited to two 8.5 x 11 one-sided pages using 12-point font double-spaced.)
3. A detailed formatted list of all **non-school** involvements, with emphasis on community service (Limited to two 8.5 x 11 one-sided pages using 12-point font double-spaced.)
4. An essay statement from the applicant that shows how they have demonstrated outstanding ability and qualities of leadership (Limited to one 8.5 x 11 one-sided page using 12-point font double-spaced.)
5. An essay 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. Applicant's 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 (These must be scanned/pdf and not copied into a document.)
8. Applicant qualifying biographical statement

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

Please click and type information below.

1. The Senate Youth Program – Student Selection Form:

STUDENT INFORMATION	
Student Full Name:	Male: ☐ Female: ☐
Home Address:	Age:
City, State, Zip:	
Student is a permanent resident of the U.S.? Yes: ☐ No: ☐ If No, do you have a Green Card? Yes: ☐ No: ☐	
Grade Level in 2026 – 2027:	Educational goal (major/minor):
Holds what Student Council or other qualifying school elective office?	Career Goal:
Home Phone:	Student Cell:
Student E-Mail:	Parent E-mail:
Father (Guardian) Name:	Mother (Guardian) Name:
Father Phone:	Mother Phone:
SCHOOL INFORMATION	
School Name:	Public School: ☐ Private School: ☐
School Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
School Phone:	
Principal Name:	Principal E-Mail:
Principal Signature (No typed digital signatures accepted):	
NOTE: Only one application per school will be accepted – Principal – please only sign one application to allow for only 1 upload and verify the veracity of the content.	

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REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Congratulations! You are done with part 1 of 8 required documentations.

Save this document, print and get your principal's signature. **Scan all the required documents below in the following order into one document to upload all at once at the link below. The deadline is September 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m. CST.**

[UPLOAD HERE](#)

- ☐ 2. A detailed formatted list of all **extra-curricular activities** in which the applicant has participated in school (Limited to two 8.5 x 11 one-sided pages using 12-point font double-spaced. Please see the partial example below.)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Council

August 2022 to Current President (Current)

- *Develop, plan, and lead execution of Homecoming events*
- *Facilitate communication with administration and student body to execute events to address student needs.*

Vice-President (2024-2025)

- *Partnered with the Red Cross for school wide blood drive*
- *Facilitated weekly student council meetings and activities to meet the needs of the school and community*

Energy and Environment Committee Head (2023-2024)

- *Developed weekly projects to engage members and promote positive energy and environment practices*

Example of format: **Class of 2026 Class Council**

August 2022 to Current

- ☐ 3. A detailed formatted list of all **non-school involvements**, with emphasis on community service (Limited to two 8.5 x 11 one-sided pages using 12-point font double-spaced. Please see the partial example above.)
- ☐ 4. An essay statement from the applicant that shows how they have 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. An essay description of future plans including educational and career goals (Limited to one 8.5 x 11 one-sided page using 12-point font double-spaced.)
- ☐ 6. The applicant's rank in class and/or G.P.A. You may scan transcript and include in the submission.
- ☐ 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 that you scan all to one submission file
- ☐ 8. An applicant qualifying biographical statement:
- No more than 150 words
 - Lead sentence format: Harry Truman, a senior at Independence High School, serves as [YOUR QUALIFYING LEADERSHIP POSITION.]
 - Please conclude with your college plans/goals and career aspirations.