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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-096

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
High School Principals  
High School Counselors

**FROM:** Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** September 5, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Call for Participants-United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program

# USSYP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 2

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) provides high school juniors and seniors with an extensive orientation of all branches of the federal government and the opportunity to receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Since 1962, the USSYP has brought to these students a greater understanding of how the federal government works.

This year, the student application form and program rules can be found at: [edu.wyoming.gov/ussyp](http://edu.wyoming.gov/ussyp). Each high school should assign a USSYP coordinator.

Each applicant will need to fill out Sections A and B on the application. Then, under proctored conditions, students will answer one of the essay questions under Section C. The student and principal must sign the application and mail a hard copy to:

Bruce Hayes  
USSYP Program Manager  
Wyoming Department of Education  
Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor  
2300 Capitol Avenue  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

A qualified student applicant is one who is actively serving in an elected or appointed capacity in any one of the following organizations

during the 2017-18 school year:

- Student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
- Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
- Student Council representative
- National Honor Society officer
- Panel, commission, or board-elected student representative to an approved civic, service, or educational organization (I.E. DECA, FCCLA, FBLA, or FFA)

All applications must be postmarked by Monday, October 2, 2017. Up to eight finalists will be selected and interviewed. The top two interviewees will serve as the delegates from Wyoming for the 56th United States Senate Youth Program, to be held March 3 - 10, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

The delegates will meet U.S. Senators during the Senate reception, and will tour the Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court Building, and the Pentagon. Each delegate will receive a \$10,000 scholarship sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The attached brochure contains additional information about the USSYP Scholarship Program.

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*For questions, please contact Bruce Hayes at [bruce.hayes@wyo.gov](mailto:bruce.hayes@wyo.gov) or 307-777-6198.*

Attachments:

2017-18 USSYP Brochure

2017-18 USSYP Application

2017-18 USSYP Wyoming State Rules