

# *United States Senate Youth Program*

**William Randolph Hearst Foundation**

2013-2014

*Wyoming State Rules and Time Allowances*



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## WYOMING STATE RULES

### Senate Youth Program Overview

In 1962 the United States Senate voted unanimously to endorse a nationwide youth program that would bring high school students to Washington, D.C. for a brief on-site introduction to the functions of the federal government and, in particular, the United States Senate.

The program was created and originally authorized by Senate Resolution 324 and continued in succeeding years by unanimous action of the Senate. The resolution specified that the program should be “supported by private funds with no expense to the federal government.” The William Randolph Hearst Foundation made available the necessary funds and, each year, two high school juniors or seniors from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia have participated in this unique experience.

In early 1981, the U.S. Senate amended Resolution 324 to provide for the participation of the Department of Defense Education Activity in the United States Senate Youth Program.

### Specific Wyoming State Rules and Regulations

1. Two students from Wyoming and a first and second alternate will be selected through a process under the auspices of the Director of the Wyoming Department of Education. Selection will be based on outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected high school officers of the 2013-2014 school year. A student who graduates high school at the close of the fall 2013 semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program.

Any Wyoming high school junior or senior student is eligible, provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to Washington Week and has not received a USSYP scholarship. The student is required to be currently serving in an elected or appointed capacity in any of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:

- 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 district, regional or state-level civic and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator.

2. Each student must be a citizen or a PERMANENT RESIDENT of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school in Wyoming where either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides. See National Rules at [www.ussenateyouth.org](http://www.ussenateyouth.org) for further information.

### Wyoming State Procedures

- Each entrant must take the United States Senate Youth Program examination under **supervised conditions**. A Test Proctor will sign the Student Information Sheet to assure that the test administration was supervised.
- Each recipient of the memorandum outlining competition procedures will receive one (1) copy of the examination and maintain confidentiality of the exam. The Senate Youth Coordinator at each school may reproduce additional copies to accommodate the number of students taking the test.
- Exams are not to be changed in any way between the time they are originally completed by the student and the transmission of those exams to the Wyoming Department of Education.

### Deadline for submittal of student information sheet and examinations:

1. Original, completed student information sheets and examinations must be postmarked to the Wyoming Department of Education at the address below by **Friday, September 28, 2012**.
2. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Fax and emails will not be accepted.
4. Please plan accordingly

A completed Student Information Sheet must be attached to the front of each examination submitted.

PLEASE MAIL TO:      Stephanie Brady  
                                 U.S. Senate Youth Program Coordinator  
                                 Wyoming Department of Education  
                                 Hathaway Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
                                 2300 Capitol Avenue  
                                 Cheyenne, WY 82002 0050

- The examinations will be scored by the Wyoming Department of Education. Examinations will NOT be returned to the school or the student. Make copies of the completed exams before sending them to the department for scoring.

- Students with the highest test scores will be selected for interviews. Interviews will be conducted via the WEN. Finalists will be notified of the exact time and location. The interviews will be conducted through a panel of judges not related to the students.
- Any questions may be directed to Stephanie Brady at [stephanie.brady@wyo.gov](mailto:stephanie.brady@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-3793.