

United States Senate Youth Program

William Randolph Hearst Foundation

2015-2016

Wyoming State Rules and Time Allowances



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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 current (2015-2016) school year. A student who graduates high school at the close of the fall 2015 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.

Please note, Girl State and/or Boy State is not a **current** elected position.

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 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. **No computers or resources are to be available to the student for the examination.**
- 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, only. **The examination is to be considered highly confidential.** All copies of the exam must be shredded after the exam is given. Only students' answer sheets will need to be sent into the Wyoming Department of Education.
- 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 student answer sheets must be postmarked to the Wyoming Department of Education at the address below by **Friday, October 2, 2015**.
2. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. Fax and emails will not be accepted.
4. Please plan accordingly

A **completed** (front and back) 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, 2nd 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.
- 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 or (307) 777-3793.

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Time Allowance Wyoming

	Format	Questions	Points Possible	Time Allocation
Part I:	Multiple Choice	20 Questions	2 Points Each	20 Minutes
Part II:	Multiple Choice	5 Questions	2 Points Each	10 Minutes
Part III:	Multiple Choice	10 Questions	2 Points Each	10 Minutes
Part IV:	True of False	20 Questions	1 Point Each	10 Minutes
Part V:	Multiple Choice	10 Questions	2 Points Each	10 Minutes
Part VI:	Essay	300 Words or Less	90 Points	45 Minutes
Total		65 questions + essay	200 Points	1 Hour 45 Minutes

Please have students fill out all of the requested data on the Student Information Sheet. This sheet may be front and back of the page.