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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-088

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

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

**DATE:** August 20, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Call for Applicants: United States Senate Youth Program

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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. The student application form and program rules can be accessed on the [Wyoming Department of Education website](#). High schools should encourage qualified students to apply.

A qualified applicant is a junior or senior who is actively serving in an elected or appointed capacity in student government, civic, or educational organizations during the entire 2018-19 school year. This includes:

1. Student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer.
2. Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer.
3. Student Council representative.
4. National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies such as the National English Society and Social Studies Honor Societies that include service components).
5. Student representative (elected or appointed by a panel, commission, or board) to a local, district, regional, or state-

level civic, service, and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator.

Each applicant will need to fill out Sections A and B of the application. Then, under proctored conditions, fill out Section C. The student and school principal will then sign. There is no test required to apply.

The application and three hard copies must be sent to:

Bruce Hayes  
USSYP Program Manager  
Wyoming Department of Education  
122 West 25th Street, Suite E200  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

All incoming application packages must be postmarked by **Monday, October 8, 2018**. At least eight finalists are anticipated to be interviewed, and the top two interviewees will serve as the delegates from Wyoming for the 57th United States Senate Youth Program, to be held March 2 - 9, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

The delegates will meet United States Senators during a senate reception and tour the Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court Building, and the Pentagon. Each delegate receives a \$10,000 scholarship sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, and all expenses for Washington, D.C. are paid on the delegates' behalf.

Please see the attached brochure and supporting information.

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