

United States Senate Youth Program

William Randolph Hearst Foundation

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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.

Wyoming State Rules and Regulations

Two students from Wyoming and a first and second alternate will be selected through a process directed by the Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction. Selection will be based on outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected or appointed high school officers for the 2018-2019 school year. A student who graduates high school at the close of the fall 2018 semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program.

Any Wyoming high school junior or senior is eligible to apply (provided he or she has not previously received a USSYP scholarship) **who is 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. *National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies such as the National English and Social Studies Honor Societies that include service components.)*
- E. *Student representative elected or appointed (i.e. 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.*

Please note, the following positions do NOT qualify a student for the program: attendance or officer position at Boys/Girls Nation or State Summer Conference, member of a National Honor Society (although serving as an elected officer for an entire school year is acceptable), a founder or chairperson of a self-created group, a participant, captain, or officer in Mock Trial, Debate Team, Model UN, or other academic club, conference, or competition where the primary engagement is for individual educational enrichment.

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 the National Rules at www.usenateyouth.org for further information.

Specific Wyoming State Procedures

Students must apply to the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) *through* their respective schools. Here are the three basic steps:

1. Fill out Sections A and B of the application accessible from the [WDE website](#). A parent or guardian will sign affirming the accuracy of the information.
2. Under proctored conditions at school, fill out Section C of the application from *one of fifteen* available listed topics picked at *random* by the counselor.
3. The student and principal sign the application. The completed application and three hard copies are mailed back to the WDE.

Deadline for submittal of student applications:

Official applications must be postmarked to the Wyoming Department of Education at the address below by **Monday, October 8, 2018**. NO EXCEPTIONS. Fax and emails will not be accepted.

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

- Any tie in the application process may be resolved by the USSYP official test.
- Random checks on claimed school or community activity may be made. Any discrepancy shown to exist in this area could disqualify the applicant.
- Students with the highest essay scores and most active school/community/leadership experience will be selected for interviews. Student interviews will be conducted either electronically via ZOOM or in person in late October or early November of 2018. The day and time will be communicated in advance and will be conducted through a panel of judges not related to the applicant students.
- Any questions may be directed to Bruce Hayes at bruce.hayes@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6198.