



United States Senate Youth Program Information

Note: For detailed information about the United States Senate Youth Program see the full USSYP Brochure located at <https://www.education.ne.gov/SS/USSYP.html> Questions? Contact harris.payne@nebraska.gov or call 402.471.2449.

Submission Dates:

- Please NOTE: There are two deadlines associated as part of this contest.
 1. The **STUDENT APPLICATION** must be completed and returned to the Nebraska Department of Education by October 6, 2016.
 2. The **SCHOLARSHIP TESTING** must be completed and **ANSWER SHEETS** returned to the Nebraska Department of Education by October 28, 2016.

Qualifying Requirements

- To qualify for selection, a student must demonstrate qualities of leadership in an elected or appointed high school student office for the 2016-2017 school year. A student who graduates from high school at the close of the fall 2016 semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program, and students must be residing in the U.S. during the 2017 spring semester to participate. Read about the complete application process at http://ussenateyouth.org/selection_process_qualify/
- Attendance during the Washington Week program is *required* to receive the financial scholarship.
- Each student must be a PERMANENT RESIDENT of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state in which either one of his/her parents or guardians currently resides. Students other than DoDEA delegates must be residing in the U.S. during the 2017 spring semester to participate. DoD schools in the U.S. or students enrolled through U.S. military bases in local schools will represent the state in which their school is located. Students may reside in a state other than the state in which they attend school if they are enrolled in the only designated public high school available to them in a school district that legally crosses contiguous state borders through legal interstate agreement. Students in these schools shall make application to the program through the state where the high school is located and shall represent that state if selected.
- Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to Washington Week and has not received a USSYP scholarship. To be eligible, a candidate must be currently serving in an elected or appointed capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations representing a constituency during the entire 2016-2017 school year:
 - 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 a district, regional or state-level civic and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator.

- The student government, civic or educational organization must require a high level of commitment and engagement.

Selection Process:

- The completed applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will have a scholarship test and answer sheet sent to their school. The multiple-choice and essay test is over key Constitutional, governmental concepts and issues. The test covers information at both the national and state level. *Applications must be received by the Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska by 4 p.m., CST, October 6, 2016.*
- The designated educator at the student's school will administer the test. *The test and the answer sheet must be received by the Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska by 4 p.m., CST, October 28, 2016.*
- The student tests will be scored. Based on exam results, and the leadership narrative, the Nebraska Department of Education will determine two Nebraska delegates and two alternates for the United States Senate Youth Program.
- Notification of winners and alternates will be done by the Hearst Foundations and the Nebraska Department of Education.

Timeline:

Mid-August Application information and applications will be placed on line.

October 6, 2016, 4 p.m., CST Deadline for receipt of completed students' applications to the Nebraska Department of Education. Send the application to Harris Payne, Director of Social Studies, Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987. Qualified applicants will then have a scholarship test sent to their school to be administered by the educational staff identified by the principal.

October 28, 2016, 4 p.m., CST Deadline for receipt of the test answer sheet and test to the Nebraska Department of Education. Send the test and answer sheet to Harris Payne, Director of Social Studies, Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.

Mid-December Notification of winners and alternates by the Hearst Foundations and the Nebraska Department of Education