



United States Senate Youth Program Information

Note: For detailed information about the United States Senate Youth Program see the full USSYP Brochure located at <http://www.education.ne.gov/SS/> 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 2, 2015.
 2. The **SCHOLARSHIP TESTING** must be completed and **ANSWER SHEETS** returned to the Nebraska Department of Education by October 30, 2015.

Qualifying Requirements

- To qualify for selection, a student must demonstrate qualities of leadership in an elected or appointed high school student office for the 2015-2016 school year. A student who graduates from high school at the close of the fall 2015 semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program, and students must be residing in the U.S. during the 2016 spring semester to participate. (Read about the complete application process at <http://www.hearstfdn.org/ussyp/>.)
- 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 legally resides. A student attending a school that is located in a state other than the state of legal residence of either one of such student's parents or guardians is not eligible [exception: Department of Defense Education Activity students will represent the state(s) of which the parents/guardians are U.S. legal voting residents].
- 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 for the entire 2015-2016 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.

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 2, 2015.*
- 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 30, 2015.*
- The student tests will be scored. Based on exam results, the Nebraska Department of Education will send the names of two delegates and two alternates to the United States Youth Program.
- Notification of winners and alternates by the Hearst Foundation and the Nebraska Department of Education.

Timeline:

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

October 2, 2015, 4 p.m., CST Deadline for receipt of 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 30, 2015, 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 Foundation and the Nebraska Department of Education