

STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

Qualifying Requirements

- To qualify for selection, a student must demonstrate qualities of leadership in an elected or appointed high school student office for the 2018-2019 school year. A student who graduates from high school at the close of the fall 2018 semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program, and students must be residing in the U.S. during the 2019 spring semester to participate. *Read about the complete application process at http://ussenateyouth.org/selection_process_qualify/*
- Attendance during the Washington Week program (March 2-9, 2019) is *required* to receive the financial scholarship.
- Each student must be a legal permanent resident or citizen of the United States at the time of application. Students other than DoDEA delegates must be residing in the U.S. during the 2019 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.
- Code of Conduct: Students attend the program as guests of the United States Senate and The Hearst Foundation for the week. It is important for prospective students to understand that their service to the program is for their educational enrichment and may not be used as a platform for lobbying, advocacy or protest. Students who have been selected must agree to serve with civility, respect and political objectivity during the program time frame, as representatives of their states and communities. They may be passionate and activist about politics as private citizens, but during the program week students are serving in a public role requiring proper protocol and respect at all times. Students and parents will be required to sign the Code of Conduct to be confirmed as delegates. Failure to abide by the rules of the program will result in dismissal and forfeiture of the scholarship.
- 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 2018-2019 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.
- A leadership position for a student's academic enrichment experience like Mock Trial Model, UN or Debate Team does not qualify because it is not primarily in the service of others or representing a constituency of peers. Participation in Boys or Girls State is not a qualifying position because it is not a year-long responsibility. (The key is that students are representing their peers and working in service of others for the entire academic year.)

CURRENT ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICE

Description of how you were elected/selected for the current office and **the accomplishments** of your organization. (Your answer to this part of the application can be placed on a separate typed page.)

Leadership Narrative:

- Please attach to this application a typed narrative (not to exceed two pages) describing all of the following:
 - Your involvement in student government and your service to the constituency you represent;
 - Achievements, especially leadership experiences, that would support your selection as a candidate;
 - Ways in which your participation in this year’s William Randolph Hearst Foundations United States Senate Youth Program will enhance your interest in and understanding of this country’s political and governmental processes; and
 - Ways in which your participation will benefit those you come in contact with, your school, and area schools.

Sign below to indicate you have researched and written the narrative by yourself.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

Student Interests:

- Please attach to this application a typed narrative (not to exceed two pages) describing all of the following:
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - Hobbies
 - Future plans

TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN:

1. In the event that your son/daughter is confirmed as a delegate to Washington and as a winner of the \$10,000 scholarship, the Hearst Foundations will forward permission forms to you. We also want assurance at this time that should he/she be selected, your permission to take the trip would, in all probability, be granted. **Attendance during the Washington Week program is required to receive the financial scholarship.** Will you give permission for your son/daughter, if they are a winner, to attend the Washington Week (March 2-9, 2019)?
Yes _____ No _____
2. The Nebraska Department of Education has permission to share your son/daughter’s score with their high school administration.
Yes _____ No _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:

Please list the designee - certified educator that will administer the test

First *and* Last Name _____

Email Address _____

School Address _____

School City/Zip _____

School Phone _____ / _____

I hereby certify that the above-named student is a junior or senior in good standing, holds the elected office(s) identified above and has presented accurate information. I also certify that the student's parent or legal guardian resides in Nebraska.

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL _____ **DATE** _____

WE CANNOT ACCEPT FAXED, SCANNED, OR EMAILED, APPLICATIONS OR ANSWER SHEETS.

SEND APPLICATION(S) and ANSWER SHEET(S) TO:

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