

United States Senate Youth Program

The annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) is held in Washington, D.C., during the first or second week of March each year. United States Senate Resolution 324 established the USSYP in 1962.

Each year, two students are selected to represent Arkansas during the week's internship in Washington and to be the guests of the U. S. Senate. In addition to this honor, each delegate receives a \$5,000 William Randolph Hearst Foundation scholarship, subject to conditions and requirements specified in the scholarship rules.

The regulations governing the selection of delegates include the following:

1. Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to the program and is currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government offices:
 - 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 selected (selected by a panel, commission, or board) to district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organization.
2. 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 or 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.
3. Applications are submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education in early October each year. The application form is sent to high school principals and counselors in late August each year.

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