



Requirements and Application for the State of Nevada: 2021

What is the United States Senate Youth Program?

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. The 59th annual program will be held virtually in Washington, D.C., from March 14 – 18, 2021. Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity will spend a virtual week in Washington experiencing their national government in action and be awarded \$10,000 scholarship. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense, and directors of other federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

For additional information, please review the USSYP brochure on the William Randolph Hearst Foundation website at <http://ussenateayouth.org/>.

Who is eligible to apply?

Each student applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident (proof must be provided **upon request**)
- Currently enrolled in an accredited public or private high school (home school students must belong to a home school association, or the Education Alliance group, located in Nevada in which either one of his/her parents or guardians legally resides)
- High school juniors and seniors are eligible for the program, provided they have not previously been a delegate to Washington Week and have not received a USSYP scholarship (students who graduate from high school at the close of the fall 2020 semester/quarter are not eligible to apply for the program)
- Currently serve in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations:
 - student body president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer
 - class president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer
 - student council representative
 - 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
 - home school students must be an elected or selected officer or student representative to a district, regional, state-level or national civic or educational organization (include the name of the organization, the elected office, and briefly summarize the election/selection process in Section 1 of the application)



What are the requirements?

Each student application must meet the following required guidelines:

- Demonstrate leadership qualities through public service in elected or appointed positions
- Actively serve in qualified leadership positions for the entire 2020-21 academic year. If students are unable to hold leadership positions this year due to the pandemic, they can submit a qualifying position held during the 2019-2020 academic year. All student leadership positions are subject to the judgment and verification of the state selection administrators.
- Exhibit high academic achievement
- Understand U.S. government and history
- Involved in school and community activities
- Write with clarity, express ideas in an organized and original fashion, and appropriate use of standard English
- Exhibit excellent interpersonal skills
- Participate in school and community activities
- Willing and available to virtually attend Washington Week March 14-18, 2021

What are the required materials school counselors or students must submit with nomination?

- Official school transcript
- Completion of nomination form

When is the nomination deadline?

Completed nomination form must be submitted by 5pm on November 2, 2020.

Nominated students will receive an application on November 4, 2020. Students must submit their full application by 5 PM, December 6, 2020. Applications must include:

- Application
- Essay
- Four letters of recommendation

Completed applications must be submitted by 5pm on December 6, 2020. Please submit to Jaynie Malorni at jmalorni@doe.nv.gov.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

If you have any questions regarding the United States Senate Youth Program, please contact Jaynie Malorni at (702) 473-0140 or by e-mail at jmalorni@doe.nv.gov.