



Application Preview for US Senate Youth Program

Due Date: Monday, October 10, 2022

This preview is provided to help you prepare for your application. Please review the questions.

Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 10, 2022, at noon. Application **MUST** be completed online. While completing the application, you will have the ability to save your application and return at another time. However, remember to click the "Submit Application" button at the end of your application once you are finished. See [information](#) for the selection of delegates' timeline for Wisconsin. Note that spelling and grammar are counted in the selection process.

Use the checklist provided at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/social-studies/senate-youth> to ensure that you have all parts of the application completed before submission. Incomplete applications will be discarded.

No applications will be accepted for the 2023 program after October 10.

Students must obtain a short letter of recommendation from the principal of their school. The letter can be brief and to the point; however, it must include the student's first and last name, the name of the school which the student attends, and the student's rank in class or GPA. It must either be signed by the administrator and scanned to send via e-mail, or it must come directly from the administrator's work e-mail address.

If you are unable to process the application online, contact dpi.ussyp@dpi.wi.gov

Student Information

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone** _____ Cell Phone** _____
E-mail Address _____

**We are asking for a phone number in case you are chosen as an alternate and the Hearst Foundation must get in touch with you immediately to attend the program.

Parent or Guardian Information

| Parent 1 Information | | Parent 2 Information | |
|----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| First Name | _____ | First Name | _____ |
| Last Name | _____ | Last Name | _____ |
| Cell Phone | _____ | Cell Phone | _____ |
| E-mail Address | _____ | E-mail Address | _____ |

If the address and home phone number for the parent/guardian are not the same as the student's, enter the correct information below.

Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone** _____

What is the student's grade level for the 2021-22 school year? _____

Principal / Headmaster Information

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____
Phone _____
E-mail Address _____

School Information

School Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____
Phone _____
E-mail Address _____

Read the [USSYP brochure](#) to ensure that you qualify for the program. In the area below, name the elected or selected student position that qualifies you for this program.

Qualifying Position _____

Consider this section your resume. Briefly outline those things that make you stand out, as well as those things that make you a good match for the USSYP.

Give a brief background of your extracurricular activities, hobbies, awards, recognitions, and/or community service that you feel qualifies you for this program. (1500 characters)

Define political activism for yourself personally. How do rules/laws/morals and values affect your own political activism? How do you judge whether your activism has been successful or not? (1500 characters)

Write one well-formed paragraph about your future plans, ambitions, and goals. (1500 characters)

National and State Political Leaders

Who is your Congressional Representative, and in which Congressional District do you reside?

Representative _____ District _____

What are the names of the two Senators from Wisconsin?

Senator 1 _____

Senator 2 _____

Who is the Governor of Wisconsin?

Governor _____

Short Essays

Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Take into account the word limits in your answer. Note that spelling, grammar, and punctuation are taken into account with the assessment of your answers. You may use outside resources to assist you in forming your answer, but be sure to cite the resources you use. Citing resources does not count in your word limit.

In 300 words or less, which social media sources do you use to gather information about politics in the United States? Do you believe those social media websites, when viewed together as a group, offer an accurate portrayal of politics in the U.S.? Why or why not?

In 300 words or less, what issues have the country's youth brought to greater public attention in the last five years? How have these issues been received by politicians, presidential candidates, and the news media?

Long Essay

Write an essay no longer than 750 words addressing the following:

Discuss a policy proposal or cause championed by either one of your two U.S. Senators during the past five years. What resources and capital has the Senator devoted to that issue? Has the Senator's interest and efforts had an impact on that issue? Why or why not?

References must be cited. Citing resources does not count in your word limit. Essays that do not cite resources will not receive more than half credit. Note that spelling and grammar do count in the assessment of the essay.

Have you requested a letter of recommendation from your principal or headmaster and given them the information they need to complete the letter?