Application for US Senate Youth Program

Due Date: Monday, October 14, 2019

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 14, 2019, at 8:00 am. 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.

1. It is strongly suggested that you take the time to print the questions out from this PDF file before starting to fill in the form online.

2. 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.

3. No applications will be accepted for the 2020 program after October 14, 2019.

4. **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 mus4come directly from the administrator's work e-mail address.

5. If you are unable to process the application online, *contact the program administrator* for Wisconsin for additional information.

For Further Information Contact
dpi.ussyp@dpi.wi.gov

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Student Information

First Name	
M.I.	
Last Name	
Street Address	
City	
State	WI
Zip Code	
Home Phone Number *Area Code/No.*	
E-mail Address	

Student's Cell Phone Number *Area Code/No.*

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.

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Parent or Guardian Information

Parent 1 Information

First Name	
Last Name	
Cell Phone No. *Area Code/No.*	
Email Address	

Parent 2 Information

First Name	
Last Name	
Cell Phone No. *Area Code/No.*	
Email Address	

Are the address and home phone number for the parent/guardian the same as the student's?

○ Yes
○ No

You indicated that the address and/or phone number are **not** the same as the student's, enter the correct information below.

Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	

What is the student's grade level for the 2019-20 school year?

Student's Grade Level [ ]

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Principal / Headmaster Information

What is the name of the principal/headmaster of your school?

First Name	
Last Name	

What is the contact information for your principal/headmaster?
(Make sure your school administration is aware of your application.)

Street Address	
City	
State	WI
ZIP Code	
Phone Number *Area Code/No.*	
E-mail Address	

School Information

School Name	
Street Address	
City	
State	WI
Zip Code	
Phone Number *Area Code/No.*	

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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

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About You

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, and/or community service that you feel qualifies you for this program.

List any awards or recognitions that you feel strengthens your application for the USSYP.

Write one well-formed paragraph about your future plans, ambitions, and goals.

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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   [   ]

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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 200 words or less, describe your goals for contributing to your school and community as a student government or civic organization leader.

In 200 words or less, describe at least two ways in which public participation in elections in the United States can be increased.

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Long Essay

Write an essay no longer than 600 words on a significant issue or problem before the U.S. Congress. The essay must:

1. Identify and describe the issue or problem.
2. State major points of view of the matter expressed by members of Congress and others.
3. Outline your position on the topic backed by evidence. *You will not be assessed based on the topic you choose, but rather by how well you support the position with evidence.*

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 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?

☐ Yes

You must click "Submit Application" to complete this application and forward your application / responses to DPI.

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