



Application for US Senate Youth Program

Due Date: Monday, December 7, 2020

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted through Monday, December 7, 2020, 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.

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 December 7, 2020.
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 must come 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.
6. Note that the 2021 Washington Week will be held completely virtually.

For Further Information Contact

dpi.ussyp@dpi.wi.gov



Student Information

First Name	<input type="text"/>
M.I.	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Street Address	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text" value="WI"/>
Zip Code	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone Number Area Code/No.	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
Cell Phone Number Area Code/No.**	<input type="text"/>

**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 Number
Area Code/No.

E-mail Address

Parent 2 Information

First Name

Last Name

Cell Phone Number
Area Code/No.

E-mail 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 2020-21 school year?

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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

Zip Code

Phone Number

Area Code/No.

E-mail Address

School Information

School Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Area Code/No.



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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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.

All narrative fields will expand as text is entered.

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

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?

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.

All narrative fields will expand as text is entered.

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?

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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.

Narrative field will expand as text is entered.

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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