



★ UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM ★

— 2008 —

WASHINGTON WEEK

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 1 - 8, 2008

104 Students will be selected for:

A WEEK-LONG GOVERNMENT
AND LEADERSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM
IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL
AND A ONE-TIME
\$5,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

The United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution in 1962 creating the UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM a national initiative to provide a yearly opportunity for talented young people with demonstrated interest in public service to deepen their interest and understanding of America's political processes and encourage their commitment to political leadership.

The United States Senate Youth Program brings the highest-level officials from each branch of government together with a competitively selected group of high-school students – two high school juniors or seniors from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity – during a week-long educational immersion program held in Washington, D.C. Now in its forty-sixth year, the program has been fully funded since its inception by the WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST FOUNDATION as part of the foundation's commitment to preparing young people for citizenship and leadership in our participatory democracy.

THE PROGRAM

The 46th Annual United States Senate Youth Program will be held March 1 – 8, 2008.

The 104 student delegates will be immersed in Washington activities throughout the week. Delegates will hear major policy addresses by Senators, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense and directors of federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington Week, including transportation, hotel and meals. (See number 3 under Rules regarding DoD Education Activity.) A registered nurse will be available to delegates at all times and a physician will be on immediate call throughout the week. The military services will provide specially selected men and women officers to serve as mentors for the student delegates while in Washington.

In addition to outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to volunteer work, the student delegates rank academically in the top one percent of their states. They continue to excel and develop impressive qualities that are often directed toward public service. The program is proud that among the many distinguished former delegates are Senator Susan Collins of Maine, the first program delegate elected to the Senate; Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals; former Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt; Presidential Advisor Karl Rove and former Presidential Advisor Thomas "Mack" McLarty. Additional distinguished alumni are former Lt. Governor of Idaho David LeRoy, U.S. Attorney for New Jersey Christopher Christie, Foreign Service officers, military officers, members of state legislatures, top Congressional staff, health-care providers and university educators.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 2007-2008.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Two student delegates and a first and second alternate will be selected from each state and the District of Columbia by the chief state school officer. A program examination — prepared each year by a distinguished professor of political science — will be provided for the selection process.

The office of the Department of Defense Education Activity, Washington, D.C., will be responsible for the selection and confirmation of their delegates and alternates. Military dependents who reside and attend schools in the United States may apply for the program under the PERMANENT RESIDENT ruling as shown below.

Alternate delegates will be selected as replacements in the event a primary delegate is for any reason unable to participate in the program's Washington Week. If the primary delegate is unable to attend Washington Week, the foundation must be notified in advance. Appropriate disposition of scholarship funds will be determined by the program director.

The foundation will provide \$1,000 to each state-level department of education to assist with the selection expenses for the program.

Selection will be based solely on the outstanding abilities and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected or selected high school student officers for the 2007–2008 school year. A student, who graduates high school at the close of the fall 2007 semester/quarter, is not eligible to apply for the program.

- Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to Washington Week and has not received a USSYP scholarship. The student is required to be currently serving 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 selected (selected by a panel, commission or board) to district, regional or state-level civic or educational organization.

- 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 (including for these purposes the District of Columbia) in which either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides. A student attending a school which 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.

Exceptions to the permanent residency requirement will only be made in the following cases:

- Students from Department of Defense Education Activity will represent the state(s) of which the parents/guardians are U.S. legal voting residents.
- Interstate Compacts (by consent of the U.S. Congress) presently exist between New Hampshire–Maine and New Hampshire–Vermont, authorizing school districts to legally traverse state borders. Students in these schools are eligible to make an application for this program only through the states where the schools are located.

For general information and State-level Selection Administrator contacts, please visit the United States Senate Youth Program website www.usenateyouth.org. Applications may be obtained from high school principals or the State-level Selection Administrators. Deadline dates vary at state level depending on the selection process.

RULES

1. At state level, applications must be obtained from high school principals or the State-level Selection Administrators. Deadline dates vary at state level depending on the selection process.
 2. The chief school officer from each state, the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity must submit in writing to the foundation by December 1, 2007, the names of their two delegates and alternates. After the confirmation of the delegates and alternates is received by the foundation, the foundation will forward to the delegate a statement of participation to be signed by his or her parents or legal guardians, a copy of the rules and scholarship regulations and other pertinent information relating to the delegate's stay in Washington.
 3. The foundation will arrange transportation to and from Washington, D.C. It will be the responsibility of the local school district, local secondary school, parents and/or legal guardians to transport (at their expense) each delegate to and from the nearest commercial airport, bus terminal or railroad station. The Department of Defense Education Activity will provide round-trip transportation for their two delegates from their homes to Washington, D.C.
 4. No tours or side trips will be permitted by individual delegates while traveling to or from Washington, D.C., or while in Washington, D.C. This policy also includes any program, conference or event of another organization, which is conducted in Washington, D.C. or the surrounding area during the time frame of the USSYP Washington Week. The following dates and time frames are strictly observed for Washington Week arrivals and departures of student delegates (pending weather conditions, availability of non-stop flights and jet service) to and from the program lodging facility in Washington, D.C. — Eastern Time: arrival on Saturday, March 1 between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. and departure on Saturday, March 8, between 5:00 a.m. and 12 noon.
- Exceptions may be made for the students from the Department of Defense Education Activity, Hawaii and Alaska. USSYP will only provide round trip transportation from a delegate's home location to Washington, D.C. Full adherence by all students to the official USSYP Travel Policy is required.
5. No recognition or arrangements for individual religious services will be made during Washington Week. A Group Inspirational Presentation will be held on Sunday at the program site for students who wish to attend. This policy will be strictly observed from the time the student delegates arrive at the Washington area airports, train station and program site until return to their home sites.
 6. During Washington Week, the program does not provide individual or group jogging, running, swimming, weight-lifting, combined training or aerobic sessions, etc.
 7. Each delegate will be the guest of the United States Senate throughout the program and will be required to conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to assure that neither the United States Senate nor the United States Senate Youth Program will be discredited as a result of the conduct of such delegate.
 8. Rules related to the United States Senate Youth Program and scholarship awards shall be construed, interpreted and applied by the foundation, whose action and determination shall be final and binding.

SCHOLARSHIP

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young people to continue their educational development. To this end, the foundation will make available to each of the 104 delegates selected to participate in the program a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship award, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the adjoining rules.

Additional information concerning the scholarships will be provided to the delegates before their arrival in Washington. Certificates representing a \$5,000 scholarship award will be presented to delegates during their visit to Washington — often personally by their Senators.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

These rules will govern the award of the \$5,000 United States Senate Youth Program Scholarships for undergraduate studies:

- a. To qualify, a student must participate in the United States Senate Youth Program Washington Week. If a selected student is unable to participate, merits of his or her reasons will be considered by the program director relative to scholarship awards.
- b. Within two years after high school graduation, a student is required to enroll at an accredited United States college or university. Scholarship funds may also be designated through an accredited United States college or university account for attendance at an accredited foreign campus, institute or center. The student is encouraged to include government or related subjects in his or her undergraduate program.
- c. Eligible students must complete the United States Senate Youth Program Application for Grant of Scholarship form, have it signed by the dean of admissions or registrar, affixed with the college or university's official seal, and forwarded to the foundation.
- d. The \$5,000 scholarship is designated for the specified student's educational expense within a four-year undergraduate study period. Under the program IRS Rules, these funds cannot legally be given directly to a student and are designated for tuition, enrollment and other fees and charges, or room and board provided or approved by the college or university. Funds not utilized by the designated student are to revert to the general scholarship fund of the college or university and utilized at the discretion of the college or university.
- e. The student must notify USSYP immediately if he or she does not intend to utilize the undergraduate scholarship funds within the four-year period. If college or university enrollment is delayed or enrollment is interrupted because of personal illness or a family emergency, the student may seek an extension of the scholarship fund availability — subject to the USSYP program director's specific review and approval. When a scholarship is "on hold" for a student's use, USSYP must be notified by October 15 each year whether or not the scholarship will be utilized.
- f. Students attending military academies (U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard) may draw the USSYP scholarship to purchase required military uniforms, books, computer equipment and other educational materials.
- g. A student will automatically forfeit eligibility for a scholarship award by failure to fulfill the above rules, or in the event of misconduct as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program.

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United States Senate

— RESOLUTION 324 —

In 1962, Senate Resolution 324, submitted by Senator KUCHEL (for himself and Senators MANSFIELD, DIRKSEN and HUMPHREY) was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, and, subsequently, unanimously approved by the United States Senate as follows:

Whereas the continued vitality of our Republic depends, in part, on the intelligent understanding of our political processes and the functions of our National Government by the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas the durability of a constitutional democracy is dependent upon alert, talented, vigorous competition for political leadership; and

Whereas individual Senators have cooperated with various private and university undergraduate and graduate fellowship and internship programs relating to the work of Congress; and

Whereas in the high schools of the United States, there exists among students who have been elected to student body offices in their junior or senior year a potential reservoir of young citizens who are experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political processes: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby expresses its willingness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school Senate youth program which would give several representative high school students from each State a short indoctrination into the operation of the United States Senate and the Federal Government generally, if such a program can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.

RESOLUTION 146. To amend S. Res. 324 of the Eighty-seventh Congress to provide for the participation of the Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas in the Senate Youth Program.

Resolved, That S. Res. 324, Eighty-seventh Congress, agreed to May 17, 1963, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Section 3. For the purpose of this resolution, the term "State" includes the Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas.

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