

An Opportunity for Extraordinary Student Leaders Senate Youth Program (www.ussenateyouth.org)

Members of the United States Senate and directors of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation have unanimously endorsed plans for the 58th Annual United States Senate Youth Program to be held in Washington, D.C., March 7-14, 2020.

Two high school juniors or seniors from Texas who hold **elective** offices in their schools are selected by the State Commissioner of Education to attend the Senate Youth Program. This is a highly selective program; any student nominated should be an extremely strong leader with strong communication and interpersonal skills, the initiative to respond to group needs, above average intelligence, and great desire to participate in the American democratic processes.

Each of the student delegates will have all expenses paid in connection with the one-week internship in Washington, D.C. This is an EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY for the two selected students. In past years the delegates have met with congressional leaders, cabinet members, even the President and Vice-president of the United States. A student who graduates high school at the close of the fall 2019 semester/term is not eligible to apply for the program. Each of the student delegates will also receive a **\$10,000** William Randolph Hearst college scholarship.

Principals and Student Council Advisors are asked to jointly nominate their most outstanding student to be considered by a state committee from the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for nomination as a candidate for this program. **Complete the form below and submit this page with required attachments to TASSP. Postmark Deadline is October 15, 2019. Selection of student delegates is based on demonstrated leadership.** The names of those students chosen to participate will be announced by the U.S. Senate in December.

Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program, provided he or she currently is serving in an **elected** capacity in any one of the following student body offices and has not previously been a delegate: (a) student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer; (b) class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer; (c) student council representative; (d) National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies); OR an elected or selected (by a panel, commission or board) student representative to a district, regional or state-level civic, service and/or educational organization. Organizations such as FFA, FBLA, Key Club and other national service groups are allowable organizations if the student is serving in an ongoing and active high-level elected or appointed leadership position for the entire academic year. Each student must be a permanent resident of the United States and be enrolled in a secondary school located in the state in which either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides. **Only one applicant per school will be accepted.**

SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM -- STUDENT SELECTION FORM Postmark Deadline: October 15, 2019

Name _____	Male	Female
First / Middle / Last		
Home Address _____	_____	_____
Street	City	State Zip
Home Telephone _____	Age _____	Grade level in 2019-20 _____
Student Cell Phone _____	Student is a permanent resident of the U.S.? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
E-mail address _____	Parent's E-mail _____	
Name of High School _____	_____	
School Address/City/Zip _____	_____	
School Phone _____	Holds what school elective office? _____	
Principal's Name _____	Principal's Signature _____	
Father's (or Guardian's) Name _____	Father phone _____	
Mother's (or Guardian's) Name _____	Mother phone _____	

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

Please include a multi-page attachment that includes the following.

1. This page with a billfold-size photograph attached.
2. A list of all extra-curricular activities in which he/she has participated in school.
3. A list of all **non-school** involvements, with emphasis on community service.
4. A statement from the applicant that shows how he/she has demonstrated outstanding ability and qualities of leadership. (Limited to one 8.5 x 11 one-sided page using 12 point font double-spaced.)
5. Description of future plans including educational and career goals. (Limit to one 8.5x11 one-sided page using 12 point font double-spaced.)
6. His/her rank in class, G.P.A., other academic honors.

Letters of recommendation may be submitted and will be considered in the selection process.

Return to: U.S. Senate Youth Program, TASSP, 1833 South IH 35, Austin, TX 78741.