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Alabama's United States Senate Youth Program Nomination Form 2023-2024

Note: High school principals may nominate one eligible student for consideration.

Required materials to be submitted as part of the application packet:

1. This form, completed by a school official.
2. A letter of recommendation from the principal or principal's designee for the student, **not to exceed one typed page**. The letter should describe the student's leadership qualities, civic-mindedness and dedication to learning.
3. Completion of Alabama's USSYP Scholarship Application by the student.
4. Submit all required materials by email to Dr. Carolyn Jones at cajones@alsde.edu **no later than September 29, 2023**.

Mailed applications will not be accepted this year. Incomplete application submissions will not be considered, and applicants will not be contacted to ask for missing materials.

Ten semi-finalists will be selected for an in-person interview. The selection of finalists will be completed by December 1, 2023. **Finalists must be able to attend the entire 2024 Washington Week Program March 2-9, 2024.**

Contact Information, please print:

Name of High School: _____

Principal: _____

Principal's Email: _____

School Phone: _____

Contact information for staff member coordinating USSYP, if different than above:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Applicant, please print:

Name of student applicant: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Applicant's Grade: _____ Gender: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Leadership position(s) elected or appointed to for 2023-2024:

Signatures:

I certify that I am an eligible applicant and all the information in this application is correct and not plagiarized. I understand attendance during the Washington Week program is required to receive the financial scholarship.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information in this application is correct and the student meets eligibility requirements.

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____



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Youth Program Scholarship Application Guidelines 2023-2024

Program brochure is available at www.ussenateyouth.org

Instructions: Applications are to be completed by the student and must be typed. Use the headings below and organize your responses accordingly. Do not list everything you have accomplished; however, include all pertinent information relevant to your leadership qualities, community or public service and volunteerism.

Student Information: (First page of Application)

- Student Legal Name
- Student Address
- Student Cell Phone Number
- Student Home Phone Number
- Student Email Address
- Student ACT or SAT Test Score (Transcript Must Reflect Scores)
- Student Qualifying Leadership Position for 2023-24 (See List of Positions)
- Confirmation of attendance of an Alabama high school (A Copy of Transcript Required)
- Confirmation via a written statement that you are a United States Citizen/Legal Permanent Alabama Resident or a permanent resident in possession of your official Green Card at the time of application.
- Parent/Guardian Name(s)
- Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s)
- Parent/Guardian Email(s)
- Confirmation via a written signed statement from parents that student will be allowed to participate in Washington Week as set forth in the rules and regulations of the program brochure for the trip.

The next six sections should be **no more than** four additional typed pages:

Part I Leadership Positions: List all elected or appointed offices held, grades 9-12 including your current student representative position that makes you eligible for USSYP with a description of the election or appointment process of that office. You must hold a current office for the 2023-2024 school year to apply. List the title of the office(s) and year(s) office was held.

Part II School Activities: List significant school activities (grades 9-12) which reflect leadership capability (e.g. Editor, school newspaper; Key Club, organized community

food drive). Identify the group or organization (avoid abbreviations), note your role and list your length of service.

Part III Volunteerism/Community Service: List major activities not related to school in which you have participated. Include only activities relevant to this scholarship. List the name of the activity and length of service.

Part IV Honors, Awards, Recognition: List major honors, awards or recognition you have earned that relate to this scholarship. Include the name of the honor and the year received.

Part V: Statement of Future Aspirations: Compose one paragraph about your future plans and goals.

Part VI: Essay: Write an essay no longer than 500 words on a significant issue you would like the U.S. Congress to consider. Identify and describe the issue, state major points of view on both sides of the issue. Outline your position on the topic. You will be assessed on how well you support your position with evidence, not on the topic or position you choose. References should be cited. Language usage, spelling and grammar will also be assessed.

Possible Qualifying Leadership Positions

- Student Body President
- Class President
- Student Body Vice President
- Class Vice President
- Student Body Secretary
- Class Secretary
- Student Body Treasurer
- Class Treasurer
- Student Council Representative
- JROTC Officers (Not Just Members)
- Officer in a National Honor Society chapter
- Student representative elected or appointed (appointed by a panel, commission or board) to a local, district, regional or state-level civic, service and/or educational organization whose primary purpose is public/ community service and constituent representation. Such positions will be subject to approval by the state selection administrator.

The positions listed below DO NOT qualify the student for the program:

- Attendance or officer position at Boys/Girls Nation or State summer conference
- General Member of a National Honor Society (serving as an elected officer is acceptable)
- Member or leader of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or a sports team
- A founder or chairperson of a self-created group
- A participant, captain or officer in Mock Trial, Debate Team, Model UN or other academic club, mock legislature, conference or competition where the primary engagement is for individual educational benefit.

Please Note: Due to the volume of applications, only the ten semifinalists will receive notification of their status in the selection process. Face-to face interviews are tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2023.