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Higher Education Financial Services and Preparatory Programs

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## UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM (USSYP)

The United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution in 1962 creating The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). The USSYP is a national initiative to provide an annual opportunity for students who demonstrate leadership abilities and rank academically in the top one percent of their class. The USSYP is designed to deepen students understanding of America's political processes and encourage them to consider careers in public service.

Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity will become USSYP delegates. From March 5 through March 12, 2012 the delegates will visit Washington, DC and experience the United States government in action. Delegates will hear major policy addresses by Senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense, and directors of other federal agencies. Delegates will also experience and participate in a meeting with a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. All transportation, as well as hotel and meal expenses for the USSYP will be provided by the Hearst Foundation. Each delegate will be awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship to be used towards enrollment in an Undergraduate Bachelor Degree program at an accredited college or four (4) year university.

### Eligibility Criteria

For the purposes of the District of Columbia: delegates candidates must be:

- A graduating High School Junior or Senior
- A first time USSYP delegate
- A resident of the District of Columbia (based on parent/legal guardian's residency)
- A U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Enrolled in a Public, Public Charter, or private school in the District of Columbia
- Must be one of the following: An elected or appointed student body class President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Student Representative

### Scholarship Rules

Delegates must:

- Participate in the USSYP Washington Week Leadership Program from March 5 – 12, 2012
- Enroll at an accredited college or university in the U.S. within two (2) years of graduation
- Accepted into an Undergraduate Bachelor Degree program
- Complete the USSYP Application for Grant form, have it signed by the Dean of Admissions or Bursar and affixed with the college or university seal, and forward to the Hearst Foundation

### Application Process

Applicants must submit:

- Student Academic Progress Form found at [www.osse.dc.gov](http://www.osse.dc.gov)
- Official High School Transcript

and

Complete:

- 500 word typed essay
- Public Affairs Examination (used for competition determination)
- An interview with the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education's scholarship review panel

Applications can be obtained from DC High School principals, head guidance counselors, and scholarship coordinators.

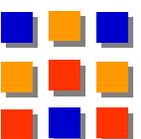
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**2012 STATE-LEVEL STUDENT SELECTION CONFIRMATION**

This form must be typed and returned to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) October 3, 2011 This form is available online at [www.osse.dc.gov](http://www.osse.dc.gov). The Department of Education may notify this delegate of their selection after confirmation has been verified (fax or email) by the USSYP.

**Student Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial

**Birth Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Month      Day      Year  
(00/00/0000)

**Student Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
House Number                      Street Name                      Apt/Unit #

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip Code

**Phone**

**Email**

**Parent/Legal Guardian Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Phone or Cell**

**High School Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

Public       Private

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number                      Street Name

**School Official Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip Code

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**School Official Phone**

**School Official Email**

**Delegate's elective student office (2011/2012 academic year)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Background** (leadership roles, extra-curricular activities, future plans (for use in press and media coverage))

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

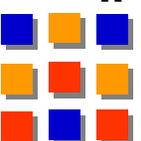
**School Official Signature**

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### 2009 STATE-LEVEL STUDENT SELECTION CONFIRMATION

Congratulations on your decision to apply for the USSYP! Participation in the USSYP is a wonderful opportunity for you to gain exposure to Americas' democratic process.

The essay questions below are designed to provide you with a chance to reflect on your political and historical views. We believe this reflection will help prepare you for the stimulating conversation and exchange of ideas during the USSYP Washington Week which will be held March 5-12, 2012.

Please choose one of the topics below to write the required 500 word essay. Your essay must be typed, double spaced, using Times New Roman 12pt. font.

1. What specific aspects of political science interest you most; why?
2. What do you view as the greatest benefit(s) a democracy offers its citizens; why?
3. What role do you feel the Federal government should take in one of the following:
  - a. Health care
  - b. Education
  - c. Environment
4. What are your ideas on educating, empowering, and energizing young people to increase civic engagement and political participation?
5. What growth opportunities do you anticipate USSYP's Washington Week will offer you? How will you use the opportunities in the future?

We at the OSSE are proud of you and your accomplishment and wish you much success in the USSYP delegate selection process.

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