



THE HEARST FOUNDATION'S
55TH ANNUAL UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM
\$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete all parts of the scholarship application. Submit the completed, typed application to the address in Part Four. Failure to complete the application in full will result in disqualification. Illegible applications will be disqualified.

Part One

Student Information	
	Name _____
	Address _____
	Phone numbers Home _____ Cell _____
	Email _____
	Birth Date _____
	State Resident (must live in the state for the entire school year) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Will be a student in the current school through the spring 2017 semester*. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<small>*Seniors <i>must</i> graduate in the spring of 2017. Winter graduates do not qualify for the scholarship.</small>

Parent/Guardian Information	
	Name(s) _____
	Phone numbers Home _____ Cell _____
	Email _____

Authorization/ Photo Release	
	This authorization must be signed permitting the OPI to use the student's photograph in electronic and paper media in connection with the U.S. Senate Youth Program. The student's photograph must be included with the completed application.
	Parent's Signature(s) _____
	Printed Name(s) _____
	Student's Signature _____
	Printed Name _____



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Part Two

Eligibility Information	
	<p>High School _____</p> <p>School Address _____</p> <p>Grade Level <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior</p> <p>Leadership Roles (Check all that apply. <i>Positions must be held during entire <u>current</u> school year.</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer Office Held _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Class President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer Office Held _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student Council Representative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (List other leadership positions, academic honors, community service, extracurricular pursuits in order of importance)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
Washington, D.C. Week Verification	<p>The scholarship includes an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., March 4-11, 2017. You <i>must</i> participate in the Washington Week trip to receive the scholarship. Please indicate whether you have a conflict with the Washington Week trip dates.</p>
	<p>Are you aware of any scheduling conflicts that could prevent you from attending Washington Week on March 4-11, 2017? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>



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Part Three

Letter of Recommendation	The Letter of Recommendation must be on school or business letterhead and be signed by the person who wrote it.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Letter of Recommendation must be from the school principal, counselor, teacher, or sponsor of an organization in which you are active. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Letter of Recommendation must include the author's email and telephone information.

Digital Presentation	As part of the application, submit a digital presentation no longer than 15 minutes. You should consider the recording as an opportunity to share, expand, or expound on leadership roles beyond those listed in Part Two of this application as well as share academic honors, community service, and other extracurricular pursuits.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss accomplishments in order of importance. • Explain how or why you became interested in government or history.
Formats	Provide a link to your presentation on the line below. Suggested formats include Vimeo or YouTube. DVDs are also acceptable and may be mailed with the completed application packet. Link _____
Presentation Suggestions	Below are suggestions on how to produce a successful presentation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record in an area that is free of background noise. • Use a plain backdrop with no distracting features. • Sit behind a desk. • Film using a tripod to ensure that the camera stays steady. • Dress professionally. • Speak slowly and clearly. • Try to sit still and be conservative with hand movement. • Test and review your recording to ensure lighting and sound are adequate and the background is not distracting. • Test your presentation's hyperlink to ensure it will open.

Essay	Provide a brief (between 500 and 750 words), typed narrative about your plans for college and career. The essay should be typed on a separate page and include your name, school, and grade at the top. Attach the essay to the application.
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Part Four

Submission Deadline	
	All completed application materials submitted to the Montana Office of Public Instruction must be postmarked no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, October 3, 2016. Early submissions are welcome; late submissions will be disqualified.
Submission Checklist	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed application <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph <input type="checkbox"/> Link to digital presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Essay

Signature	I attest that I understand the terms of the U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship as presented in this application and at http://usenateyouth.org/ .
	Signature _____ Date _____

Contact/Mailing information	
	Office of Public Instruction Tobie Lieder, USSYP Coordinator PO Box 202501 59620-2501
Phone	406-444-2415
Email	Tlieder2@mt.gov

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406-444-2673
OPIpersonnel@mt.gov

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