



UNITED STATES SENATE ★ YOUTH PROGRAM ★

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Washington Week
March 6-13, 2027

What is the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)?

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for qualifying junior or senior high school students to *receive a \$12,500 college scholarship and an all expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C.* to attend an intensive week long education and leadership program. In this program, students will hear major policy addresses by prominent members of our government institutions, including senators, cabinet members, Supreme Court justices, and the president of the United States.

Who can attend?

Two qualifying high school students will be selected from Tennessee.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to apply:

- *Any high school junior or senior student is eligible*, provided they meet program qualifications and have not previously been a delegate to Washington Week or received a USSYP scholarship.
- The *student must be enrolled for the entire 2026-27 academic year* in a public or independent high school located in the state in which at least one of their parents or guardians currently resides. Home-educated students may also apply.
- The *student must be a legal permanent resident or citizen of the United States* at the time of application.
- The *student must be living in the state that they will represent for the entire 2026-27 academic year* (see USSYP brochure for exceptions).
- The *student must hold a high-level leadership position* in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations during the entire 2026-27 academic year:
 - » Student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
 - » Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
 - » Student council representative
 - » A National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based honor societies)
 - » Student representative elected or appointed to a local, district, regional, or state-level civic, service, and/or educational organization wherein the student holds a high-level, year-round leadership position representing a constituency and/or providing service to others.

Where can students apply?

For the online application and a full description of the program and the selection process, please visit:
tn.gov/education/students/opportunities-for-students

**Application deadline:
September 24, 2026**