

**United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)
Tennessee State-Level Selection Application
2022-23 Student Application**

The Tennessee application for the 2022-23 United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) contains the following questions:

Student Information

1. Student Name
2. Student Preferred Name
3. Gender
4. Preferred Pronouns
5. Student Email
6. Student Home Phone
7. Student Cell Phone
8. Student Address
9. County

Parent/Guardian Information

10. Parent/Guardian #1 Name
11. Parent/Guardian #1 Email
12. Parent/Guardian #1 Cell Phone
13. Parent/Guardian #2 Name
14. Parent/Guardian #2 Email
15. Parent/Guardian #2 Cell Phone

Eligibility

1. Elected or Appointed Leadership Requirement
2. List one position that meets eligibility requirements to which you have been elected or appointed.
3. Citizenship Status

School Information

4. School District, Private School, or Home School
5. School Name
6. School Address
7. School Principal Name
8. School Principal Email
9. School Office Phone
10. Counselor Name
11. Counselor Email
12. Counselor Phone

13. Student Graduation Year
14. Students must be enrolled for the entire academic year in a public or independent high school located in Tennessee; at least one parent or guardian is a current resident of Tennessee. Yes or No.

Academic Record

15. Current Student Class Rank
16. Current Grade Point Average
17. Grade Point Scale (4.0 or 5.0)
18. ACT Score
19. SAT Score

Activities, Awards, and Honors

20. School-Related Activities, Clubs, Awards, Honors, and Special Recognition
21. Community-Related Service, Activities, and Organizations

Essay Questions

22. Essay Question 1: Leadership Prompt

Actor and director Denzel Washington said, "Show me a successful individual and I'll show you someone who had real positive influences in his or her life. I don't care what you do for a living—if you do it well, I'm sure there was someone cheering you on or showing the way. A mentor."

Write an essay that argues the value of mentorship in shaping success.

In your response, write about an individual who has impacted your life, including three leadership characteristics that person demonstrates. Explain how you strive to incorporate these qualities in your current or future endeavors.

In your response, you should do the following:

- Respond with a thesis statement that supports your position.
- Explain your experience.
- Select and use evidence from personal experience to support your position.
- Use conventional grammar and punctuation.

23. Essay Question 2: Content Essay

Evaluate the extent to which the 1973 Senate Watergate Investigation Committee and its findings shaped federal politics and the Senate thereafter. Include the role that Tennessee's Howard Baker played in these proceedings.

In your response, you should do the following:

- Respond with a thesis statement that supports your position.
- Select, use, and cite evidence.

- Explain how the evidence supports your position.
- Use conventional grammar and punctuation.

Elected Officials

24. Tennessee's Governor
25. Your Congressional District Number
26. Your U.S. Representatives
27. Tennessee's U.S. Senators

Required Documents

28. School Transcript (PDF)
29. Resume (PDF)
30. Letter of Recommendation (PDF) - Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher you currently have or have had in the last two years.

Student, Parent, and School Verification

31. Attach Verification Form - The verification form requires signatures from the student, a parent/guardian, and the high school principal (or his/her designee). (PDF)

Click [here](#) for more information about the Tennessee selection process for the United States Senate Youth Program.