

The Hearst Foundations
Fifty-Ninth Annual United States Senate Youth Program
\$10,000 Scholarship & Washington Week Online 2021



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Complete **ALL** parts of the scholarship application. Failure to complete the application in full will result in disqualification.
 Only emailed applications with PDF attachments will be accepted.
 Email the completed typed, or hand-printed and scanned application packet to the email address in Part Four.
 Your electronic application packet must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2020.

Part One

Student Information	First Name _____ Last Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Email Address _____ Birthdate _____ Are you a 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 2021 semester.* <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No *Seniors must graduate in the spring of 2021. Winter graduates do not qualify for the scholarship.
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Parent/Guardian Information	Parent Name First _____ Last _____ Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Email Address _____
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Authorization/ Photo Release	By signing, you agree to permit the OPI to use the student's information and photograph in electronic and paper media in connection with the U.S. Senate Youth Program. (We will request a photograph if your applicant is selected as a delegate.) Typed signatures are acceptable.
	Parent Signature(s) _____ _____ Printed/Typed Name(s) _____ _____
	Student Signature _____ Printed/typed Name _____

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Part Two

Eligibility Information	<p>High School Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Principal First Name _____ Principal Last Name _____</p> <p>Grade Level <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior</p> <p>Leadership Roles: (Check all that apply.)*For this year only, the leadership role held may be for the full 2020-21 school year, or the full 2019-20 school year if typical student leadership elections or appointment opportunities are not available due to the coronavirus pandemic and is subject to verification and judgement of the state selection administrator. Please specify the year held.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer Office Held _____ Year _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Class President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer Office Held _____ Year _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student Council Representative _____ Year _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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 approved by the state selection administrator. _____ Year _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies such as the National English and Social Studies Honor Societies that include service components). _____ Year _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other [Student representative elected or appointed (by panel, commission or board) to a local, district, regional, or state-level civic, service, and/or educational organization.] Explain and year below:</p>
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Washington, D.C. Week Verification	<p>The scholarship includes a Washington Week Online experience the week of March 14-18, 2021. You must participate in the entire Washington Week Online experience to receive the scholarship. Washington Week Online takes place Sunday, March 14, 2021, from 3:00–8:00 PM EST, and Monday, March 15 through Thursday, March 18, 2021, from 11:00 AM–7:00 PM EST. Please answer the questions below:</p>
	<p>Are you aware of any scheduling conflicts that could prevent you from participating in the full Washington Week Online, March 14-18, 2021? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>At the time of application, you must be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident (have a green-card) to be considered for participation. Do you meet these requirements? <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 letterhead and be written and signed by your school principal, guidance counselor, or history/government teacher. The letter must confirm the leadership role that makes you eligible for this scholarship, and the author must include their phone number and email address. Attach your letter of recommendation to your submission email as a PDF.

Transcripts	
	Please provide transcripts with your application. You can request these from your school and must include them in your application email. Attach them to your submission email as a PDF.

Interview	Finalists will be asked to participate in an interview via Zoom in January. Details will be sent to finalists once they are selected.
	<p>Suggestions for a successful interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare your communication device beforehand to connect to the interview. • Sit in an area that is free of background noise. • Be aware of what is visible behind you. • Sit behind a desk or at a table. • Dress professionally. • Speak slowly and clearly. • Have note cards on hand if needed.

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Part 3 continued: Essay

Essay

Provide a typed narrative about your plans for college and career. Discuss what role your activities, community service, employment, and awards or other recognition play in your plans. The essay should not be less than 500 words or more than 750 words. We recommend that you type the essay in a word processing program and then copy and paste it into the text block below rather than typing directly into the box. The available space is limited to our requirements (750 words), so be mindful of that when you paste. If you go over the limit, text will be cut off.

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Part Four

Submission Deadline and Checklist	All completed application materials submitted to the Montana Office of Public Instruction must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2020 . Early submissions are welcome; late submissions will be disqualified. Once you have clicked the box next to each item below, remember to attach them to your submission email.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application form including Essay page (PDF) <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation (PDF) <input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts (PDF)

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

Contact/Emailing Information	<p>Office of Public Instruction Ms. Kristen Bokovoy, USSYP Coordinator, 406-444-2417</p> <p>Email kristen.bokovoy2@mt.gov with questions. Due to COVID remote work, email is the best option for contact.</p> <p>Submit application packets to: kristen.bokovoy2@mt.gov</p>
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Human Resource Manager
406-444-2673
OPIpersonnel@mt.gov

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