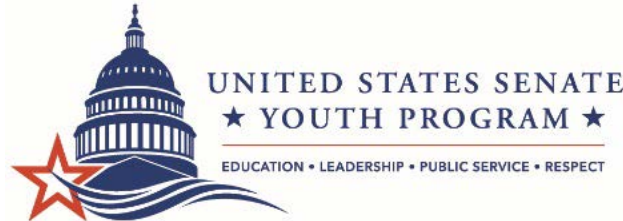




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2023-24 New York State UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH APPLICATION FORM



**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
FRIDAY, October 20, 2023, 11:59pm**

NYSenateYouth@nysed.gov

Please complete all sections of the form below, and submit electronically, with other required application materials, via the email address provided on [page 6](#).

Student's Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ **Pronouns:** _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____

Grade: 11 12

Note: Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent residency at the time of application.

YES, I am a U.S. citizen

NO I am not a U.S. citizen, but I am a permanent resident in possession of my official Green Card at the time of this application. Having applied for a Green Card, but not in possession, means you cannot apply for USSYP.

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Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s): _____

Email Address(s): _____

Cell or Home Phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver sign below:

I affirm that I am the parent/legal guardian/caregiver of the student completing this application, and I am a resident in New York State.

Signature: _____

QUALIFYING LEADERSHIP POSITION

Mark the ELECTED/APPOINTED office you now hold for the entire 2023-2024 school year in one of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations:

- Student Body President Class President
- Student Body Vice President Class Vice President
- Student Body Secretary Class Secretary
- Student Body Treasurer Class Treasurer
- Student Council Representative
- Officer in a National Honor Society chapter
- 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 whose primary purpose is public/community service and constituent representation. Such positions will be subject to approval by the state selection administrator.

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The positions listed below DO NOT qualify the student for the program:

- Attendance or officer position at Boys/Girls Nation or State summer conference
- General Member of a National Honor Society (serving as an elected officer is acceptable)
- Member or leader of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or a sports team
- A founder or chairperson of a self-created group
- A participant, captain or officer in Mock Trial, Debate Team, Model UN or other academic club, mock legislature, conference, or competition where the primary engagement is for individual educational benefit.

What is your qualifying position if not student body or Honor Society officer:

What do you do to serve your community and support your constituency year-round in this position (word limit of 50):

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Note: Student must be attending high school in the state at least one parent/guardian resides for the entire school year.

Name of High School District: _____

Name of High School Attending: _____

Phone Number of High School: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Public or Private (any school other than public): _____

PRINCIPAL CONFIRMATION

Name of Principal: _____

Principal's Phone Number: _____

Principal's Email: _____

I verify this student is holding the leadership position noted and is endorsed to represent our school and state if chosen:

Principal's Signature: _____

Date: _____

TEACHER CONFIRMATION (if letter of recommendation is from a teacher, and not a principal)

In addition to my letter of recommendation, I verify this student is holding the leadership position noted and is endorsed to represent our school and state if chosen:

Name of Teacher/Counselor/Qualifying Position Organization Leader: _____

Teacher/Counselor/Qualifying Position Organization Leader's Phone Number:

Teacher/Counselor/Qualifying Position Organization Leader's Email:

I verify this student is holding the leadership position noted and is endorsed to represent our school and state if chosen:

Teacher/Counselor/Qualifying Position Organization Leader's Signature:

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION and CONFIRMATION Date (MM/DD/YY)

Parents or guardians must sign below to approve for you to go to Washington, D.C. for a week to attend the United States Senate Youth Program under the conditions set forth in the rules and regulations of the program brochure: <https://ussenatheyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/USSYP-2024-Official-Brochure.pdf>

1st Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

1st Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Sole guardian yes/no?

Date: _____

2nd Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

2nd Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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In addition to the application, please include the following:

- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Each student must submit two letters of support and recommendation:** one from either the high school principal or a teacher, and one from another adult representative of an organization or activity where the student has a record of leadership and service to others and/or where the student is currently holding a qualifying leadership position for USSYP.
- **WRITTEN APPLICATION ESSAY:** Please submit a word document attachment with the answer to one of the following questions with a word limit of 500 words or less per response (or no more than 3 pages) double spacing, Times New Roman, and 12 font:
 1. **Submit a reflective essay highlighting how your leadership experience embodies the New York State Board of Regents and State Education Department's key priorities.** The key priorities are:
 - diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - a service-oriented approach to supporting community
 - a commitment to lifelong learning
 2. **Submit a persuasive essay researched and written on a topic of social significance related to a contemporary state, national, or world event.** Select a topic important to you, take a stand, relate its import to you, and defend your position. The essay will be judged on organization, ideas and content, evidence of personalization, and writing conventions *including citation of sources*.

Note Checklist of all application materials here AND note the deadline for all materials: note that materials received after midnight on application date will be automatically declined for submission for the 2024 program.

- Completed personal information on application
- Official academic transcript with non-weighted GPA
- Two letters of support, one from either the high school principal or a teacher, and one from an adult advisor to the organization or student body entity that they represent confirming the student's leadership position, their leadership qualities, and personal attributes
- REQUIRED ESSAY – Note instructions on how to submit and proper format
- Signatures of principal and parents

Special Notes:

- If any of the above is missing from the final application packet, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Application materials must be submitted electronically by October 20, 2023, by 11:59pm to

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