

United States Senate Youth Program 2020-21 Student Application Directions

1. See your school counselor and notify her/him that you are interested in participating in the U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program. Make sure you meet the qualifications of the U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program outlined [here](#).
URL: http://www.hearstfdn.org/ussyp/selection_process_qualify/
2. This year the student application process is one step. If you are selected by your school, please apply [here](#).
URL: https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/tennessee_u_s_presidential_scholars_application_202021_copy
3. Secure the signatures of the nominating faculty member and high school principal. *The school will select their winner based upon demonstrated elected leadership, academic qualifications, public service and completeness of the student's application. **Only one applicant per school may be submitted to the Department of Education for district consideration.*** Please complete all parts of the application and review to ensure that all necessary accompanying documents have been uploaded.
4. Upload a copy of your school transcript, including grade point average, ACT or SAT score and class ranking. Base the grade point average on four semesters of work if you are a junior and six semesters of work if you are a senior. Be sure to include all subjects taken for credit for each semester, including the current incomplete semester.
5. Answer both essay questions following the directions provided on the application. Be sure to cite any references or quotes that you have utilized. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
6. Secure a letter of recommendation from principal or faculty member to accompany your application.
7. Deadline: Completed applications must be submitted online no later than **December 4, 2020**.