

Welcome to the United States Senate Youth Program. Below you will find all of the information needed to participate in the state competition. Louisiana delegates complete the final phase of competition on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020.

1. State Guidelines for Nominating Students:

- The principal of any public or private school may recommend two to three students.
- A representative of the school must contact Marian Johnson marian.johnson@la.gov for the essay topics since this is a test secure item with specific protocols.

2. United States Senate Youth Program Requirements

- Juniors or seniors who have been elected or appointed to a student government, civic, or educational organization (campus student government officer or representative), class officer, appointment to a local, district, or state, panel, commission, or board, National Honor Society officer may apply. Students may qualify to apply through leadership positions they currently hold per the USSYP official criteria for the current 2020-2021 academic year. If students are unable to hold leadership positions this year due to the pandemic, they can submit the position they held during the 2019-2020 academic year.
- They must be actively serving in qualified leadership positions, enrolled in high school and living in the state they will represent for the entire 2019-2020 academic year.
- The student must be enrolled in a public or private secondary school in the state which their parent or guardian resides for the entire 2020-2021 academic year.
- The student(s) must be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States or in possession of their I-511/green card at the time of the application.
- Students must be able to attend all online sessions of the Annual Washington Week program during the week of March 15.

3. Submission Information

- The names of the students nominated and their application portfolios must be received either electronically or by mail no later than November 16, 2020 to marian.johnson@la.gov or the physical address below:
 - Attention: Marian Johnson, USSY Program Coordinator
Louisiana Department of Education
Office of Career & College Readiness, 4-207
P.O. Box 94064
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9064
- Applications will not be returned.

United States Senate Youth State Timeline

October 1, 2020	Scholarship applications are available on-line on the Louisiana Believes website www.louisianabelieves.com . Letters and forms are sent to non-public high schools informing them of the competition and deadlines. An information blurb is placed in School System Newsletters for all public and charter high schools notifying them of the competition and relevant deadlines. Schools select their nominee(s), assist with the compilation of the portfolio and proctor the essay that must be included in the portfolio.
November 16, 2020	This is the deadline for the electronic or paper submission of the portfolio to the LDOE.
December 4, 2020	The top four portfolio submissions will be notified by email, inviting them to complete the final interview and test.
December 15, 2020	The top four students interview, test and attend a reception at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge.
February 5, 2021	Names of alternates and delegates must be submitted to the Foundation (two delegates and two alternates).

Student Application

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S STATEMENT: In accordance with La. R.S. 17:3914(Louisiana Student Privacy Act), I hereby grant permission for my child to submit an application for the U. S. Senate Youth Program as part of the selection process for the two Louisiana delegates and two alternates. I further authorize access and use of any school records and demographic information necessary for this competition and the subsequent press release information about this competition concerning my child to the universities and to the news media.

Parent/ Guardian's Name Typed _____ Signature _____

Student Data Form

Student's Full Name _____ (first, middle, last)

Qualifying Office _____ U. S. Citizen _____ Green Card Holder _____

Grade Level/ Age _____

Home Address _____ City _____ LA Zip Code _____

Student's Email Address _____

School Name _____

Principal's Name _____

School Mailing Address _____

School Phone Number (____) _____ School Fax Number (____) _____

School System _____

School Sponsor _____ Sponsor's Email Address _____

Parents'/ Guardians' Names _____

Parents'/ Guardians' Email Address _____

Parental Contact Phone number (____) _____

To complete the student's portfolio, use separate pages for each of the items below and submit items in this order:

- The application page with parental signature
- Principal's letter of recommendation
- School elective offices and honors (1-2 pages)
- Transcript of high school/college coursework
- Academic achievements (1-2 pages)
- School and Extracurricular activities (1-2 pages)
- Citizenship and community involvement (1-2 pages)
- Description of hobbies and college and career plans (1-2 pages)
- The completed essay written according to the guidelines provided to the school official who will proctor the timed essay (essay topics will only be released to a school official)
- Affirmation statement from the principal or faculty indicating that the student received no assistance in writing the essay and he/she completed the essay within the time limit