



100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

APPLICATION FOR
THE UNITED STATES SENATE
YOUTH PROGRAM 2025-26

INSTRUCTIONS: Application must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2025. Submit electronic applications to ussyp@isbe.net. Include applicant's first and last names and "USSYP application" in the subject line. Application must have original signatures. Please review eligibility requirements prior to applying.

NAME OF STUDENT (Last, First, Middle)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	HOME TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	CELL TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)
HOME ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code)	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE		
	EMAIL ADDRESS OF STUDENT (Required)		
NAME OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)	PARENT EMAIL	PARENT TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)	
CURRENT ELECTED OFFICE(S)*			

How To Qualify: Qualified high school juniors or seniors must show demonstrated leadership by serving in elected or appointed positions in which they are actively representing a constituency in organizations related to student government, education, public affairs and community service. They must be actively serving in qualified leadership positions, enrolled in high school, living in Illinois for the entire 2025–26 academic year, and be able to attend the entire 2026 in-person Washington Week program. **The student must hold a high-level leadership position in any one of the student government, civic, or educational organizations during the entire 2025-26 academic year. Mark the elected/appointed office you now hold for the entire 2025-26 school year in one of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations.**

- ☐ Student Body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer.
- ☐ Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer.
- ☐ Student Council representative.
- ☐ A National Honor Society officer (including discipline-based Honor Societies such as the National English and Social Studies Honor Societies that include service components).
- ☐ Student representative elected or 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, where the student holds a high-level position of representation to a constituency in a year-round capacity providing service to others.

Residency: Each student must be a legal permanent resident or citizen of the United States at the time of application. Students must be enrolled for the entire academic year in a public or independent high school located in Illinois, and at least one of their parents or guardians reside in the state.

Please check the box below to confirm residency.

- ☐ Citizen of the United States (at the time of application).
- ☐ Legal Permanent Resident (with visa green card at the time of application).
- ☐ Must be enrolled the entire academic year in a public or independent high school located in Illinois, and at least one of their parents or guardians reside in the state.

Please check the box below to confirm participation in Washington Week held March 7-14, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

- ☐ I am available to participate in Washington Week
- ☐ I am **NOT** available to participate in Washington Week

More information is available on the [ISBE United States Senate Youth program webpage](#).

APPLICANT'S CURRENT YEAR IN SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)		HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Last Semester _____ </div> <div> All Semesters _____ </div> <div> Highest Possible GPA _____ </div> </div>	
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL			NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL		
SCHOOL ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code)			SCHOOL TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)		EMAIL ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER			NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT		
NAME OF REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Not applicable for Chicago Public School District 299 students.)			EMAIL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT		
NAME OF YOUR STATE SENATOR AND DISTRICT NUMBER IN THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY			NAME OF YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND DISTRICT NUMBER IN THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY		

Please attach to this application a typed narrative (not to exceed two pages) describing:

1. Your involvement in student government and community service;
2. Achievements, especially leadership experiences, that would support your selection as a candidate;
3. Ways in which your participation in this year's United States Senate Youth Program will enhance your interest in and understanding of this country's political and governmental processes as well as your plans for college and career; and
4. Ways in which your participation will benefit those you come in contact with, your school, and area schools.

I affirm that I am the sole author of the attached essay and meet the eligibility requirements of the United States Senate Youth Program.

Date

Original Signature of Student

I hereby certify that the above named student is a junior or senior in good standing, holds the elected office(s) identified previously and has presented accurate GPA information. I also certify that the student's parent or legal guardian resides in Illinois and that this district does not traverse state lines.

Date

Original Signature of Principal

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