

August 5, 2016

Dear High School Principal:

Two Missouri high school students will be selected to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program to be held in Washington, D.C., from March 4-11, 2017, and each participant will receive a \$10,000 scholarship award. Please consider nominating a deserving student from your school.

This program was created in 1962 by United States Senate Resolution and is financed by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to encourage elected high school student leaders across the nation to “deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political processes.” The week of intense study will provide the delegates with an introduction into the work and functions of the U.S. Senate in particular and of the federal government in general. See more details about the national program and scholarship at <http://ussenateyouth.org/>.

Candidates must be nominated by their high school principal. You may use any fair, appropriate procedure to select **one** candidate for your school. Following are the requirements for eligibility set by the Hearst Foundation:

- The nominee must be a junior or senior who has not served previously as one of Missouri’s program delegates.
- The nominee must be **currently** serving in an **elected** capacity in one of the following offices:
 - (a) Student body president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
 - (b) Class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer
 - (c) Student council representative
 - (d) Student representative to a district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organization, who represents a constituency.
- The nominee must be a permanent resident of the United States.
- The nominee must be currently enrolled in a Missouri public or private secondary school located in the state in which either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides.

Application materials are available at
<http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/social-studies/social-studies-related-links/senate-youth-program>

Completed applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on September 21, 2016.

If you have questions, please contact Dixie J. Grupe, Social Studies Director, at dixie.grupe@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-0398