



United States Senate Youth Program Information

Note: For detailed information about the United States Senate Youth Program see the full USSYP Brochure located at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/advanced-learning-opportunities/us-senate-youth-program> Questions? Contact stefanie.wager@iowa.gov.

Submission Process:

- The submission process requires students to complete an application and two-page leadership essay. They then take a multiple-choice and essay exam over key Constitutional and governmental concepts. Applications should be submitted to the appropriate AEA contact person by the due date. Contact information for each AEA is available at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/advanced-learning-opportunities/us-senate-youth-program>. See timeline below for specific details about due dates.

Selection Process:

- Each AEA will administer an exam over key Constitutional and governmental concepts. Each AEA will score the exams and submit the names of the top five students with the highest exam scores to the Iowa Department of Education. The United States Senate Youth Program Committee will select the top four candidates from the selected pool of applications. The Program Committee will interview the top four candidates and select two delegates and two alternates based on all materials submitted and the interview.

Timeline:

October 3, 2016 Deadline for receipt of students' applications to the appropriate AEA.

October 4-28, 2016 Exam over the US Constitution and other government concepts administered by the AEAs. The date for this exam is determined

by your local AEA. Check with your local AEA contact for details about this.

October 31, 2016

AEA USSYP contact sends names of top five candidates, based off exam results, to Stefanie Wager, United States Senate Youth Program Iowa Coordinator at the Iowa Department of Education.

November 1-30, 2016

United States Senate Youth Program Committee interviews the top four candidates and selects two delegates and two alternates for the Program.

December 1, 2016

Deadline for the Department of Education to submit, in writing, the names of delegates and alternates to the Hearst Foundation.

Mid-December

Notification of winners and alternates by the Hearst Foundation and Iowa Department of Education.