

Summary of Eligibility Rules and Requirements

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

- permanent resident of the United States
- currently enrolled in an accredited public or private high school or, if home-schooled, currently belonging to a home school association or the Education Alliance group, located in the state (Arkansas) in which either one of his/her parents or guardians legally resides
- high school junior or senior – Any high school junior or senior is eligible for the program provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to Washington Week and has not received a USSYP scholarship. A student who graduates from high school at the close of the fall 2011 semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program.
- **currently serving** in an elected or selected capacity in any 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
 - student representative elected or appointed (appointed by a panel, commission, or board) to a **district, regional, or state-level** civic and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator
 - if home-schooled, an elected officer or student representative to a **district, regional, state-level, or national** civic or educational organization. State the name of the organization, the elected office, and briefly summarize the election process.

Each student application must meet the following required guidelines:

- be postmarked no later than Friday, October 7, 2011
- be filled out completely
- contain an **official high school transcript** from the public or private high school attended, or if home-schooled, from the curriculum provider
 - All transcripts must contain the following information:
 - **current cumulative GPA,**
 - **ACT and/or SAT scores,**
 - **class rank,**
 - **courses in which student is currently enrolled** (even though no grade has been determined).
 - If home-schooled, the student must provide a written description of how grades are assessed for courses and what or who determines the curriculum in said courses.
- contain the signature of the school principal, or if home-schooled, contain the signature and a letter of recommendation from an elected official, minister, or other public servant who will recommend the student for this scholarship
- contain a resume with an outline of applicable scholastic accomplishments and interests appropriate for this scholarship (Selection will be based on the student's outstanding abilities and demonstrated qualities of leadership.)
- contain an essay (Remember, this essay is the first impression you will make on the panel of judges. **Have the essay proofread** by an appropriate teacher or counselor for errors in grammar, mechanics, etc., and make the suggested revisions.)