



**2025 United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)
New Hampshire Department of Education Student
Application Form**

PART I. – APPLICANT’S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student’s Full Legal Name: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Male or Female: _____

Current grade level: Junior Senior

Parent/guardian 1 full name: _____

Parent/guardian 1 email: _____

Parent/guardian 1 phone: _____

Parent/guardian 2 full name: _____

Parent/guardian 2 email: _____

Parent/guardian 2 phone: _____

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or have permanent residency **at the time of application.**

I certify that I am a United States citizen.

NO I am not a U.S. citizen, but I am a permanent resident in possession of my official Green Card at the time of this application.

Note: *Having applied for a Green Card, but not in possession, means you cannot apply for USSYP.*

PART II. – APPLICANT’S SCHOOL INFORMATION

Students must be enrolled for the entire academic year in a public or independent high school located in the state in which at least one of their parents or guardians is a current resident.

High School: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Private or Public School: _____

Principal’s name: _____

Principal’s email: _____ Principal’s phone: _____

What is your rank in scholastic standing of your class?

Upper 1% Upper 5% Upper 10% Upper 15% Upper 25%

Current GPA: _____ Weighted Unweighted

Principal’s Signature here certifies the percentage: _____

To be eligible, applicant **MUST HOLD** an elected office for the 2024-2025 school year. Being a founder or chairperson of a self-created club or organization **DOES NOT** qualify the student for the program.

Please check all those that apply:

- Student Body President Student Body Vice President Student Body Treasurer
- Student Body Secretary Class President Class Vice President
- Class Treasurer Class Secretary Student Council Representative
- Officer in a National Honor Society chapter
- JROTC Commander

Student representative elected or appointed (appointed by a panel, commission, or board) to a local, district, regional or state-level civic, service and/or educational organization whose primary purpose is public/community service and constituent representation. Such positions will be subject to approval by the state selection administrator.

- What is your qualifying position if not student body or Honor Society officer: What do you do to serve your community and support your constituency year-round in this position? (50 words or less – please submit on separate sheet)

The positions listed below **DO NOT** qualify the student for the program:

- Attendance or officer position at Boys/Girls Nation or State summer conference
- General member of National Honor Society (serving as elected officer is acceptable)
- Member or leader of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or a sports team
- A founder or chairperson of a self-created group
- A participant, captain or officer in Mock Trial, Debate Team, Model UN or other academic club, mock legislature, conference, or competition where the primary engagement is for individual education benefit.

List major honors that you have received.

The selection committee is looking for honors, recognition, and awards for a variety of school and community activities.

Name of Activity	Length of time of service

PART V. – ESSAYS

1. Submit a personal essay of no more than 500 words describing each of the following elements as they pertain to you:

- Current elected student position held and all past involvement in student government/leadership;
- Activities and achievements that demonstrate leadership in school and community that specifically support your desire to serve as your USSYP state delegate;
- Involvement in community service initiatives or programs outside of school;
- How your participation in USSYP will enhance your understanding and interest in the political and governmental process of the United States;
- Share ways in which you think being chosen for the U.S. Senate Youth Program will help you explore some of the most important questions you have at present about the challenges facing this country.

2. Write an essay of no more than 500 words on the topic:

The Vice President and a majority of the principal officers of the executive departments shall transmit their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, pursuant to the 25th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. How should the Vice President and executive department officers make a determination that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office? Without adjudicating the merits of the topic, highlight the process and guidelines that should be followed to reach an appropriate decision.

Essays must be double-spaced and typed. Points will be awarded for grammar, spelling, and punctuation as well as the ability to follow instructions. The selection committee will be looking for content knowledge, responsiveness to the question, idea development and the mechanics of writing, including citations or outside sources.

PART VI. – LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Each student must submit 2 letters of support and recommendation.

One from the high school principal

One from an adult representative of an organization or activity where the student has a record of leadership and service to others and/or where the student is currently holding a qualifying leadership position for USSYP.

Each letter should be no longer than one page.

PART VII. – SIGNATURES

Applicant

I certify that I am an eligible applicant and that all the information on this application is correct.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent 1

I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the student completing this application, and I am a resident of New Hampshire.

Parent 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent 2

I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the student completing this application, and I am a resident of New Hampshire.

Parent 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal

In addition to my letter of recommendation, I verify that this student is holding the leadership position noted and is endorsed to represent our school and state if chosen:

School Principal signature: _____ Date: _____

**Email completed application and all attachments to:
Stacey MacStravic at stacey.a.macstravic1@doe.nh.gov**

Applications must be received NO LATER THAN 3:30pm on October 11, 2024.