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## 2022-2023 Arizona USSYP Application

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Washington Week will be held March 4-11, 2023. A determination will be made in Fall 2022 on whether the program will be able to be held in person or online in 2023. Two students from each state will be selected to attend the program and each will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. Students may qualify to apply through leadership positions they currently hold per the USSYP official criteria for the current 2022-2023 academic year. All student leadership qualifying positions are subject to the judgment of the state selection administrator and will be verified and confirmed.

For more information, please visit: <http://ussenateyouth.org/>

**Applications should be typed and must be emailed or postmarked by Friday October 15th, 2022.**

- Digital signatures are acceptable
- Email completed applications to [scholarships@azed.gov](mailto:scholarships@azed.gov)
- Mail completed applications to Arizona Department of Education cc/Tyler Kowch, 1535 W Jefferson St, Phoenix AZ 85007

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Type: Public High School (includes charter) [ ] Private High School [ ] Homeschool [ ]

School \_\_\_\_\_ School District (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident? (Required to Apply) [ ] Yes [ ] No

Do you need any special accommodations to participate in the interview process?

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## USSYP Qualifying Elected or Appointed Student Position

List at least one qualifying elected or appointed position that you will hold for the duration of the school year.

Position and organization 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position and organization 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position and organization 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position and organization 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Confirmation of Position(s)

Principal/Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Counselor Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Principal/Counselor Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### Affirmation of Commitment and Eligibility

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant Name) understand the commitment and responsibilities associated with being selected as a finalist or alternative for the U.S. Senate Youth Program. I confirm that I meet all eligibility requirements and commit to being available for the full week (March 4-11<sup>th</sup>) if accepted to the program.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your Parent or Guardian complete the section below.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian Name) affirm that I am a resident of Arizona, the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant Name) and give them my permission to accept and participate in this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Short Answer Questions

Answers can be submitted either in writing, with each response **less than 150 words**, or in a video, with each response **less than 1 minute and 30 seconds**.

1. What motivates you to serve your school or community? Use this opportunity to describe your participation in school activities and any organizations that you participate in.
2. Describe a time that you stepped up to lead in your community through volunteering, service, etc.
3. Describe how the work you would like to do in the future would positively impact your local community, state, or country.
4. List any employment, recognition or awards you have received.
5. Please provide any additional information you think is relevant to your application that has not been reflected elsewhere. (Optional)

## Essay Response

The essay question response should be typed and no more than 500 words. Essays will be checked for originality and evaluated for a cohesive, research-based argument; any outside sources must be appropriately cited. **Essay response must be included in final submission.**

Please respond to **one** of the following essay prompts:

1. What do you think is the biggest challenge currently facing Arizona?
2. What is something unique about politics in Arizona, and what does it tell us about our state?
3. Is there an important historical figure from Arizona that you feel has been underrepresented in your high school history curriculum? Describe this figure's contribution to our nation's (or our state's) history and why it would be important to raise awareness about them now.
4. Imagine that you have recently been elected as one of the youngest members of the Arizona Legislature. What would be the first bill you would introduce? Describe the provisions of your bill and why this initiative is your top priority.
5. If you became a U.S. Senator for Arizona, what Senate Committees would you most want to be assigned to and why? What personal qualities would you bring to the job as Senator that would benefit Arizona?