

2015 United States Senate Youth Program

Procedures for Participation

1. The principal of each high school may select students who meet the qualifications as outlined in Paragraph 1 in the brochure. **Complete and return the attached form to this office by Friday, September 12, 2014.**
2. Simultaneous examinations will be given on **Saturday, October 4, 2014**, at 10 a.m. at the six colleges and universities listed on the **U.S. Senate Youth Test Site** file. The test is similar to examinations frequently given to college students completing an introductory course in United States Government. (**NOTE:** This is the **only** date the examination will be administered.)
3. Please allow approximately two and one-half hours for actual testing. Students must provide their own writing materials. (A No. 2 pencil will be required.) Students will need to go to the college or university chosen by the principal and report to the instructor no later than 9:45 a.m.
4. College instructors will supervise the examinations and will send the tests to the State Department of Education for scoring. The students' scores will be sent to the contact person you designate on the enclosed form.
5. The ten students with the highest scores statewide will be invited to the State Department of Education in Oklahoma City on **Tuesday, November 25, 2014**, for an interview with a panel of judges. On the basis of the personal interviews, essays, and examination scores, the judges will select two student delegates to represent Oklahoma and a first and second alternate.
6. **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES WILL BE ALLOWED DURING TESTING.** Please advise your students to leave all electronic devices in their vehicles.

If you have any questions, please contact: Mr. Kelly Curtright
Office of Instruction
Oklahoma State Department of Education
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599
(405) 522-3523
Fax: (405) 521-2971
E-mail: <Kelly.Curtright@sde.ok.gov>



JANET BARRESI
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

August 7, 2014

Dear Principal:

The members of the United States Senate and the directors of The Hearst Foundations have announced the annual United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program. Two students from each state, the District of Columbia, and Department of Defense Education Activity will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the week of **March 7-14, 2015**.

The students will be immersed in government activities throughout their stay in Washington. They will be greeted by senators, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense, and others. The students will also have the opportunity to visit the Senate, House of Representatives, Supreme Court, Pentagon, and various Smithsonian museums.

Officially, the competition begins in September and is limited to juniors and seniors who are currently serving in any one of the following student government 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 elected or appointed to a district, regional, or state level civic or educational organization

Each student must be a **permanent resident** of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state in which either one of his or her parents or guardians legally resides. The only requirement in accepting the scholarship is that students must, within two years after high school graduation, enroll at an accredited United States college or university, pledging to include courses in government or related subjects in their undergraduate program.

Enclosed is information explaining how your school may participate and a brochure stating the objectives, rules, and scholarship regulations. As principal, you must complete the enclosed form with the names of the students who will represent your school and return it to Mr. Kelly Curtright, Office of Instruction, by **Friday, September 12, 2014**. Please direct your students to report to the examination site you have chosen on **Saturday, October 4, 2014**. There will be **no further correspondence** to remind you or your students of the examination date and site.

Please ask your teachers to provide you the names of qualified students to take advantage of this opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. to meet and hear the leaders of our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kelly S. Curtright".

Kelly Curtright
Director of Social Studies

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Enclosures



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OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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We will participate in the 2015 United States Senate Youth Program. The following students will represent this school:

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

These students meet the program qualifications and will take the examination at

(Name of College or University)

on **Saturday, October 4, 2014**, at **10 a.m.** Please send further correspondence to:

Title and Name of Contact Person Position E-mail Address

Name of School Area Code School Phone

School Mailing Address City or Town Zip Code

Name of Superintendent Name of Principal

Address of Superintendent (if different from school) City or Town Zip Code

Principal's Signature

Return by **Friday, September 12, 2014**, to:

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TEST SITES



2014-2015

United States Senate Youth Program

Saturday, October 4, 2014

10 a.m.

Cameron University

Lawton

North Shepler, Room 524 - [Map](#)

Mrs. Lorinda Rogers

Northeastern Oklahoma State University

Tahlequah

Seminary Hall, Room 110 - [Map](#)

Dr. Mike Chanslor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Woodward Campus

(Located at 2007 34th Street)

Woodward

Library

Dr. Deena Fisher

Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Durant

Russell Building, Room A223 - [Map](#)

Mrs. Betty Castle

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Weatherford

Science Building, Room 100 - [Map](#)

Dr. Dan Brown

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond

Liberal Arts Building, Room 224 and 225 - [Map](#)

Dr. Jan Hardt

Janet Barresi
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Oklahoma State Department of Education