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U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program 2011-2012

PURPOSE: A nationwide U.S. Senate youth program that will bring selected high school students to Washington, D.C. for an onsite introduction to the functions of the federal government and, in particular, the United States Senate. The scholarship is administered by the individual states and is funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any public or private high school junior or senior student (irrespective of nationality, race, color, creed, first language, sex, sexual orientation, class rank or financial need) is eligible for the program provided s/he has not previously been a delegate and is **currently serving in an elected or appointed position representing the student body** in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:

- Class Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)
- Student Council (Representative or Officer)
- Student Advisory Committee (Representative to the School Committee)
- Student Advisory Council (Local, Regional or State Level)
- School Council (Student Representatives)
- Student representative to district, regional or state level civic or educational organization
(elected or appointed to serve as a representative of students)

Other attributes:

- Leadership ability.
- Clear speech and logical thought processes.
- Community involvement.
- Participation in a wide selection of activities on and off campus – music, sports, arts, politics.

Students must take the qualifying exam on October 26, 2011 to be eligible for this scholarship.

Each student **must** be a PERMANENT RESIDENT of the United States, currently a junior or senior enrolled in a public or private high school located in the state in which either one or both of his/her parents or guardian legally resides. Students attending a school in Massachusetts but whose parents or guardians legal residence is outside Massachusetts OR students attending school outside of Massachusetts but whose parents or guardians reside in Massachusetts, are not eligible. Program brochure, official rules & information specific to Massachusetts' requirements: [United States Senate Youth Program Brochure](#) & [Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

SCHOLARSHIP: Two \$5,000 college scholarships will be awarded. Each winner (Delegate) will also be provided with an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. – March 3 – 10, 2012, where they will meet with the Massachusetts Senate delegation and other government leaders.

REGISTRATION: Exam registration forms will be available in schools as of September 2011. The **deadline to register** for the qualifying exam is **October 6, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.** Receipt by 5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.

EXAM: The **Qualifying Exam will be given on October 26, 2011 at selected locations across the state.** Finalists (top 10 scores) will be interviewed and write an essay at the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education on November 8, 2011.

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